



Our Vision Statement-
To be a welcoming neighborhood so that all may experience God's love and grace.

Our Mission Statement-
To meet new neighbors, nurture their relationship with Christ, and transform the world together.

Marble Memorial United Methodist Church • AUGUST 2023 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Worship in the Park
Sun, August 6th at 10:30a
Wilson Park, Milan
-Potluck to Follow Worship-

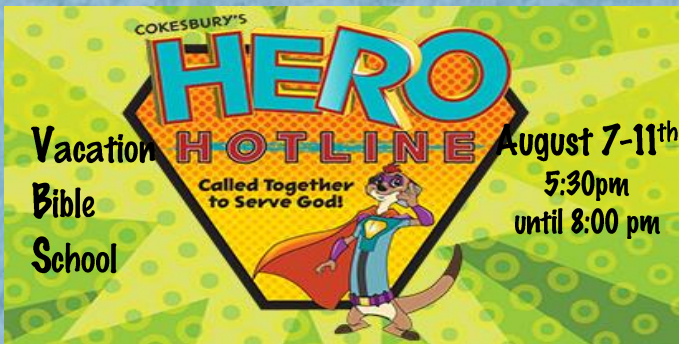


Downtown
Milan -
on Main Street

BREAKFAST AFTER THE WALK

Watch
the Sun
Rise over
the Park!

Sun. 8/20 7:30-8:30a
@ Wilson Park Pavilion
You can park @ Marble UMC



Sign up online: Marbleumc.org



Enjoy games
and win
prizes!

**Marble Memorial
United Methodist Church**
Matt West, Pastor
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10:30 a.m. Worship In-person
Facebook and YouTube

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Church Website: marbleumc.org
Church E-mail: office@marbleumc.org
Church Office Hours: Mon-Thu, 9 am - 3 pm
(closed holidays)
Facebook: "Marble Memorial UMC"
Online Giving: Tithe.ly Giving

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

Hello, neighbors!

How is your "Summer of Love" going so far? Have you made any new friends? Are you spending more time with your family or neighbors that are like family? No matter what, I hope everyone is enjoying their summer! We wrap up our "Summer of Love" series at our Worship in the Park service on August 6th. Be sure to invite all your neighbors to worship with us in Wilson Park. Remember to tell them there is an excellent old fashion potluck afterward. We hope to see everyone there!

The outreach we are doing at Marble is tremendous and, indeed, something that is available to anyone in our community. It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since we started our Free Neighborhood Meal. I am grateful for everything we are trying to do to be "The Neighborhood Church." Now, I want everyone to think about this statement: There is a difference between serving the community through the church and the church going out into the community to help.

Recently, I have served a couple of our neighbors in Milan. Aid in Milan is always looking for help, and for a while, I helped drive one of their vans twice a month to a church by Textile and Stony Creek for a pop-up pantry. As rewarding as it was helping with that, I wanted to do more here in town. So, I go on Tuesday mornings for an hour before heading to The Owl to help unload the food truck delivery they get from Food Gathers. On Thursdays, I deliver food to homes in town. As I mentioned, they can use help from anyone all the time. The other place I'm helping serve is Milan Seniors for Healthy Living. I have only been doing things there for a few months, but it has been a pleasure to help when possible. I am doing "Pie with the Pastor" on the second Wednesday of the month. Also, I deliver Meals on Wheels each Thursday for an hour and a half. It's nice serving people who come into our building, but it is just as enjoyable serving outside the building, too.

I don't share all of this for a pat on the back or any other kind of praise. Instead, I share this to show how little time it takes to make a difference in a neighbor's life. We have discussed making time for friends, our families, and God. I'm going to add one more, neighbors. "I can't make time for all those people, myself, and God!" I could give everybody all the cliché lines about "can't versus won't." Nope, I'm not going to do it. We must find a balance if we want to love God and share this love with others. We can choose to make time to spend with God, family, friends, and neighbors or fill our lives with things that separate us from God and those we care about. When we let things separate us from God is when we should be worried. Don't worry about whether you have time but focus on what you can remove to have time for the important things in your life.

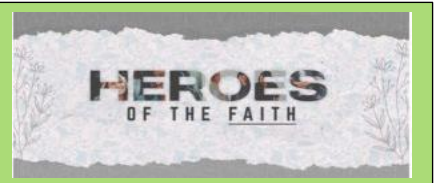
We are a struggling church with good people who are a part of it. Relying on what we always do or assuming our usual roles is not what we should depend on. These ways have separated us from God, family, friends, and community. Maybe we will learn something from this "Summer of Love" series to lean into the days, weeks, months, and years ahead. Each day is a blessing and another chance to be loved by God and share God's love with someone else. Love goes beyond summer, but it can begin to blossom now. Make the most of your lives and spend more time loving.

"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love." – 1 John 4:8 NRSV

Keep praying, inviting, believing, and being a good neighbor.

Pastor Matt

Next sermon series:
Heroes of the FAITH



PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon 1 - 3p Tues 11:30a - 1p Thu 9 - 11a
Tuesdays: Pastor is at The Owl 10 - 11a

HELPERS NEEDED...

Neighborhood Meal • Relay for Life

V.B.S. • Worship in the Park

3rd Thursdays • Greeting

Technology • Kidz Worship

Caring Team • Habitat for Humanity

Nursery • Maintenance & Grounds Team

Need More Information?

Contact the Office or find the sign-up sheets outside the coffee lounge.

Join the Marble Habitat Work Team

Sat. July 15 Fri. Aug 4 Sat. Aug 26

Choose your Work Dates

Times are: 8:30a until 3:00p

Volunteers 16-18 yoa allowed
with parental permission



Habitat for Humanity®

Questions or to Sign up
Contact the church office
or email Rod Hill:
rhill@provide.net



Help Needed:

- 4 to 5 people (and a pick up truck) for chairs and some tables
- 4-5 people for clean up
- 2-3 people to help move our audio/visual equipment

Sign Up with Brian Foster or @ the Office



Sat. AUG 19
9am
through
Sun. AUG 20
9am
—
Wilson Park

Sign Up for the Relay Team!

This year's theme is "Decades" and Marble will be ROCKIN' the 80's!

Luminarias are for sale
on Sundays: \$10 each.

We need walkers, campsite help, baked items donated & we want to borrow some RAD 80's items for decorating.

Brian Foster is our Coordinator.



Ministry for Children and Teens: Volunteering

YOU can be a touchstone for our Neighborhood Kidz and provide them with a GREAT early faith experience!

Contact Joy Whitenburg with questions and to sign up:
joylandinhabited@gmail.com
or (734) 819-2341



NEW NEIGHBOR CLASS
First Week in August
Talk to Pastor Matt or mark your connection card.

Welcome New Neighbors
on Sunday August 20



Safe Gatherings training is available to anyone who has not yet been certified. If you work with youth or vulnerable adults, we are asking you get certified. Please contact the church office for info.

Neighborhood Groups: Group coordinators are listed

Sundays:

Worship Team: Music, Technology, Kidz Zone, Nursery. Contact: Pastor Matt pastormattwest@gmail.com

Hospitality Team: Greeters, Ushers, Coffee Fellowship

Contacts: (greeters) Tammy Balk coachbolz@gmail.com (coffee fellowship) Rose Timbers rotimbers@aol.com

Neighborhood Study Sunday group is taking a break for the summer. Keep your eyes peeled for information on the next study! Contact: Rod Hill rhill@provide.net

Mondays:

Sassy Sisters Women's Study is taking a break for the summer. Watch for information on the next study and start dates. Led by Melissa West: mdwest622@gmail.com

Tuesdays:

Neighborhood Coffee Talk with Pastor Matt: You will find Pastor Matt at The Owl on Tuesdays at 10a- 11:30a. If you prefer, you can make an appointment for a different time. Pastor Matt: pastormattwest@gmail.com

Beer & Bibles Men's Group: Meeting 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Original Gravity brewery on County Street.

**Beer not required.* Dates in August: 8th and 22nd. Bring your own Bible.

Led by Brian Foster: bdfoster1989@gmail.com and Jim Nagle: jnnagle@comcast.net

Thursdays:

Neighborhood Study on Prayer: Meeting 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1:30pm @ MMUMC

Led by Nancy Nagle nnagle@umich.edu

Building Opportunity – Rod Hill, Marble Habitat Coordinator

The Good News Group of Habitat for Humanity had a board meeting last night and I'd like to report a couple of very positive firsts. One of the most welcomed was the return of a couple of churches that have been absent from the group for a number of years. Ann Arbor First Baptist and St. Nicholas Orthodox churches have been a part of the group for a number of years but they had faded from our list. They've brought a new leadership, a new team spirit, and are ready to build again. — Praise God!

The second point was a report on our first "Full Build" project for Huron Valley Habitat since 2008. The North Prospect project is not only the first full build we've been able to do in fifteen years, it's the first full build being taken on by our Women's Build team. That project started literally from the ground up with shoveling the level under an insulated slab and footings. And the group will be starting on walls soon!

Another blessing is that the group's financial situation is better than it's been. Many of our churches have been struggling since COVID and that seems to be finally settling down. We've received enough funding so far to be able to keep on schedule. Marble's pledge is coming along and that is encouraging. I pray that our messages of the value of Habitat will meet your expectations and your support.

Finally, it looks like the Good News Group will have one more open date on our 2023 build schedule. Since we've been able to extend the season into September, Friday, September 8th is still open in need of volunteers. If you're available, I'd be happy to get you signed up or we can set up a half-crew of four or more. Please let me know.

Hallelujah!

Marble Habitat Work Dates

August 4 & August 26

How to Give to Habitat:

Electronically: <https://get.tithe.ly/>

Give on Sunday Mornings

You can give by "Snail" Mail

Mark your donation: "Habitat"

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734-645-0864

Meetings @ Marble

Leadership Team Meeting:

Wed, August 16, 7:00 pm (in person)

Outreach:

Wed, August 23, 7pm (in person)

United Women of Faith:

Taking a break until September.

Enjoy the Summer!