



Marble Memorial United Methodist Church

July 2021

Good News House: Habitat 2021- Join Marble's Work Team

Marble supports Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley through the partnership with the "Good News House" team: *A collection of different churches coming together to strengthen neighborhoods.*



Marble has a work team!

Check it out...

Remaining Habitat Work Days for 2021:

- Friday, July 23rd
- Saturday, August 7th

Workdays start at 8:30 and over by 3:00, or so.

We bring our own lunches, gloves and hydration. (Masks are now optional.)

Actual tools are provided and sanitized by the crew leadership after use.

You do NOT need to be a member of Marble – Neighbors are invited to help!

If you are available for either or both of these dates, contact the church office: office@marbleumc.org or Rod Hill: 734-645-0864

Youth Service Project Team: 2021

Important Dates:

Leaving Milan: Saturday, July 10

Come to the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to send them off with a blessing.

Sunday Worship on July 18:

Join us in worship as the YSP Team shares their experiences. This will be for both Worship Services: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Connecting with Neighbors

We want you to turn out on the lawn for Third Thursdays on July 15 – we will be talking to Milan neighbors from 5-8p. Bring a chair!



Everybody – Come!

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Hello Neighbors!

Early this year Marble introduced a new outlook and vision for our church body and as members of the Milan community. You have been seeing sentiments such as: "Hello Neighbor!", "Welcome Neighbor!", and "Dear Neighbor". Being a good neighbor is doing the work that we have been called to do as the church in Christ's name.



Our vision begins with the **characteristics of what a neighbor is at Marble** -

A Neighbor is...

Loving – Showing love or great care towards everyone.

Kind – To each other and anyone new to the neighborhood.

Faithful – Being loyal to God, the church, and the community.

Compassionate – Showing sympathy and concern for all.

Peaceful – Making the neighborhood harmonious, calm, and at peace.

Patient – Being able to accept change or deal with problems without being anxious or stressed.

Joyful – Feeling or expressing happiness for all God gives us.

Generous – With our time, gifts, and talents, but willing to give more when it is not expected.

Respectful – Making sure everyone feels loved and valued in the neighborhood.

From there we move into the **Core Values** -

1. As neighbors, we are seeking to love God in worship through prayer, preaching, and praise.
2. As neighbors, we are looking to include everyone in what we do with love and respect for all.
3. As neighbors, we are willing to serve others through outreach in our community and the world.
4. As neighbors, we are continuing to grow in our faith with small groups, Bible studies, and mission work.

Then we add our **Vision and Mission Statements** -

Vision Statement-

To be a welcoming neighborhood, so that all may experience God's love and grace.

Mission Statement-

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

*Marble is on an exciting journey. We are called to come together
and care for each other with Christian love.*

*At Marble we are committed to our neighbors, no matter who they are or where they are,
as our commitment to transform the world - TOGETHER!*



Still Alive - Rod Hill, Lay Representative to Annual Conference

“And are we yet alive?” Charles Wesley asked. Upon completion of this year’s Michigan Annual Conference, I cast around for something to sum up the quandary I felt from the experience. There was, this year, a lot of bad news. We had anticipated most of it. The Year of COVID was going to be hard on the Church.

We all knew that.

Wesley’s hymn does not speak to the perils and losses we have experienced due to pandemic. Indeed, we don’t even yet know what all those costs will be. We grieved for the people we’ve lost, but the costs that I was thinking about were more global. Would there be a Church at the end of our proceedings?

“What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,” was written when Wesley’s church was growing and becoming intercontinental. As with all times of change there was conflict, and he tried to calm his congregation. “Fighting without, and fears within...” sounds very familiar to us as well in these times.

Although it went unspoken, I think many if not most of us were wondering if there would be a Michigan Conference at the end of the week. With budgets plummeting, churches leaving and the big questions of separation still waiting for a world General Conference that was postponed yet again, there was plenty to be fearful about.

But Wesley closes with a reminder that none of those issues matter. Keeping score of who has what and where doesn’t matter. There is still God’s work to be done. “Let us take up the cross...” regardless of what happens next there is a Kingdom to be built and loved ones to save.”

We are called to the work, “...and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.”

Praise God!

Yours in Christ, Rod



Aid In Milan: Help Stock the Pantry

Aid in Milan helps our local neighbors every day. Donating pantry items is one way we can help. Their current needs are:

- sliced bread
- canned pastas
- ramen style noodles
- full size shampoo & conditioner
- laundry detergent
- juice boxes
- individual applesauce

Drop items at Aid in Milan during their business hours. Pull up to the building and call their office:

734-439-8420.

Tell them you have a donation. They will come out to your vehicle. They appreciate every donation!

Strolling through Milan will be a Great “ArtDoor” Experience!



Marble’s ArtDoor Is down the hill from the church – Enjoy!

Relay for Life: August 21 –Brian Foster, coordinator

Marble Memorial will be participating in Milan's Relay for Life again this year. Relay for Life is an event that raises funds for the American Cancer Society. Like last year, the Milan Relay *will not be in person*; BUT it will be a virtual event with activities taking place all day long on Milan Relay's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MilanRelay>

Teams will have their own walks and “campsites” spread throughout town. Marble’s campsite will be at the home of our coordinator, Brian and Bridget Foster, 243 Lafayette Street in Milan. There are also plans to have an in-person Luminary Event in September, but details have not been finalized.

Here are some ways that you can help:

Purchase Luminary bags for \$10 a bag. You can decorate your bag for someone who is a survivor, currently battling cancer, or in memory of someone who you have lost to cancer. We will light our luminaries Aug. 21st at our “campsite” and for the September event.

Sign up to walk for an hour on Saturday August 21st. We will be walking around the Foster's neighborhood in town. (If you don't normally walk around Milan's older neighborhoods, it is a chance to see the homes on beautiful tree lined streets.)

Participate in the online Silent Auction the week of Relay.

Sponsor a Raffle Basket: We are looking for 2 or 3 baskets to come from the Marble Team so if you know of a business who could create a basket, or if you could make up a basket, that would be great. We need the baskets in by August 1st. Please contact Brian at 419-356-0712 if you would like to donate a gift basket.

Make a donation. Just like everything else, donations are down to the American Cancer Society since Covid-19 and they have several important programs that need funding. **Anything you can do helps!!**

Brian Foster will start selling Luminaries and signing up volunteers to walk, on Sunday, July 25th.

If you are unable to connect with Brian at church you can email him at Bdfoster1989@gmail.com or, contact Lisa at the Church office (734)439-2421.

Checks are made out to: American Cancer Society.

Still to Come This Summer

Red Cross Blood Drive:

Wed. July 14

You can make an appointment at: www.Redcrossblood.org

Third Thursdays:

Thursday, July 15th 5- 8 p we will be giving out cold drinks and visiting with our Milan neighbors.

We set up on our Main Street sidewalk area and hand out cold drinks.

Talking with community members helps them learn who we are – And, it really is a lot of fun! Bring your own chair. Call the church: 734-439-2421 if you know you can come.

Community Worship in the Park:

Aug. 8th • 10:00 a.m.



Wilson Park Main Pavilion

Bring a chair

Following Worship:

Yard Games for kids!

Cool drinks and pre-packaged refreshments will be served!

Worship with our sister churches:

Pilgrim's Rest

People's Presbyterian

Milan Free Methodist

Marble Meetings

Trustees: Tue, July 6, 7 p (In person)

SPRC: Tue, July 13, 7 p (In Person & ZOOM) *As needed*

Finance: Tue, July 20, 7 p (ZOOM)

Church Council: Tue, July 27, 7 p (In Person)

Outreach: Wed, Aug 18, 7 p (In Person)

UMW Circles: *Taking a break until September*

Sister's Aglow

Sarah Ruth

Susanna Wesley

