

Village Light



Pastor's Note

My family and I just finished a journey of over 2,000 miles. We traveled to Jackson, Mississippi, and then back home again. We went to this great distance because my daughter Sarah has been considering attending a small Christian university located in Jackson, Mississippi; a school by the name of Belhaven University. On the way, we traveled through parts of seven different states. We were jammed into our Hyundai, with little or no leg room. But the weather was lovely on the way. We had music, books, a laptop computer, and a number of other things to occupy our time.

The visit to Belhaven University included a tour of the campus, a special meal with admissions personnel, a violin audition by Sarah in front of a couple of music professors, a question and answer panel discussion, and many other events. We found the experience to be very helpful in our task of assessing whether or not this should be the college that Sarah will attend.

On the way home, we were

greatly hindered by a monster snow and ice storm that spread from Texas to New England. We choose to avoid the storm as much as possible by driving due east, across the South, and well below the storm. After traveling hundreds of miles east, we then turned north to come home. Our strategy paid off. We missed most of the storm. When we entered Ohio and then Michigan, the storm had passed, and much of the snow and ice had been cleared away. We were obviously very grateful to our Father for His constant care and attention in our lives.

Why did we travel such a great distance? The reason is simply that Cindy and I love our daughter with all of our hearts. We want her to be all that God has called her to be. We want her to find God's purpose in life. We feel the same for each of our five children. If that means that we have to spend money and time, we are more than willing to do all that we can. If I have to drive old cars, forgo vacations, and refuse to eat out, so that they can have the best opportunities to excel in life, I will do all of these things.

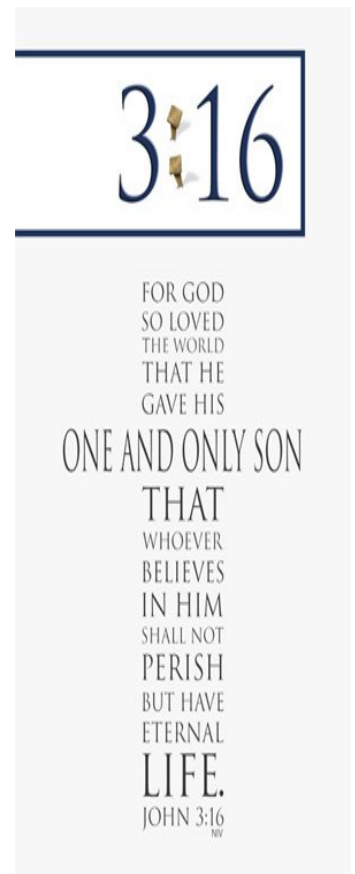
Cindy will do the same. Why? The answer is simple: we love our children!

Did you know that our love for our own children is very, very small compared to God's great love for His children (those of us who have received Jesus Christ)? His love for His children is so great, it is beyond measure. His love is in fact, infinite! His love is forever and ever. His love for us cannot grow, for it is perfect. His love for us cannot diminish, for God never grows weary in loving us. How much does He love us? He loves us so much that He came for us in the Person of Jesus Christ. He willingly gave His life on the cross at Calvary, so that we might live. ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."*** (John 3:16). *He loves us in spite of all of our sins and failures. Now that's love! Brothers and sisters, it is so good to be His children! It is so good to be in His love! Of all the people on the face of the earth, we who know Him are the most blessed.*

Pastor Gary

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Fellowship



**Family Sledding
Party
Sunday
February 20th
1:00pm-3:00pm**

Come on out for an afternoon of sledding, snowmobile riding, camp fire, food and fun. Wear your outdoor gear and bring a favorite sled (not required). Let's experience God's wonderful season of winter.

LOCATION:

**Brian and Colleen Wierman's Home
8658 Hency Rd.**

Take M113 west to Hency Rd. Turn left and head south 2 miles and look for a wooden ranch house that sits back on a hill on the right hand side.



**Church Potluck
Sunday, March
6th
12:30pm**

Bring a dish to pass and help feed the youth and break the 30 Hour Famine. Bring lots of food as these teens will be VERY HUNGRY!

Outreach/Missions



**Grateful Giving
February 2011
Red Bird Mission**

The grateful giving jar will go to the Red Bird Mission trip in June. Please donate and help raise funds for the mission project and other expenses.



**Grateful Giving
March 2011
UMCOR Heifer Project**

Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, we empower them to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.



Clothing Giveaway

**Saturday, March 12th
9:00AM – 12:00NOON
Kingsley United Methodist Church**

Gently used men, women, and children's clothing will be given away free to the public for one day only. Come on out and enjoy free coffee and donuts as you browse the selection. You may drop off clothing donations to Kingsley United Methodist Church or Kingsley Elementary School. Contact Lisa Ralph with questions at 231-409-7460.



30 Hour Famine-March 5th & 6th

On March 5th and 6th, our youth group will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We're getting a crash course in global hunger by fasting for 30 hours while raising money to help feed and care for hungry kids and their families in Haiti.

But we need your help! We'd like the whole church to be involved in our Famine. Here's how you can help us rewrite history...

- 1) PRAY: Ask God to bless our students as they make this sacrifice and "love hungry."
- 2) PARTICIPATE: We need volunteers to help with our Famine Weekend. Donations of fruit juice, water and milk

would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your donations to the church by Friday, March 4th.

- 3) GIVE: Support our students' fundraising efforts and help them change lives. Every \$30.00 they raise can help feed and care for one child for a month!

Thank you for praying for our youth before, during and after the 30 Hour Famine.

Blessings,
Diane Walton

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry?"

Isaiah 58:6-7(NIV)



30 Hour Famine Tentative Schedule

Saturday(March 5th)

6:00am Arrive at KUMC for breakfast
6:45am Prayer/Devotional
8:00am-11:30am Video/break/TRIBE
11:30am Group Activity(finger banner)
12:30pm-2:00pm Video/break/TRIBE
3:00pm TRIBE or Community Service
4:00pm-6:00pm TRIBE/break
6:00pm-8:00pm Community Service
8:30pm-10:00pm TRIBE/break
10:00pm-11:00pm The ROCK
11:00pm-12Mid Review/DEVO
12:30am -QUIET TIME

Sunday(March 6th)

7:00am WAKE UP
8:00am Get ready for church
9:00am Church
10:00am Youth Group
11:00am Church
12:30pm EAT POTLUCK with church

Bishop's Day March 26th –Cadillac UMC

Bishop's Day Schedule

9:30 am Gathering & Fellowship
10:00 am Welcome
10:15 am Keynote Speaker Anthony Pappas
11:45 am Q&A with Tony Pappas
12:00 pm Lunch (Boxed Lunch or On Your Own)
12:45 pm Bishop's Message & Hymns
1:00 pm Small Group Sessions
2:00 pm Break
2:15 pm Closing Worship with Communion
3:15 pm End of Day

Anthony Pappas, Keynote Speaker

Anthony G. Pappas is area minister for the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and the editor of *The Five Stones*, a newsletter on small church ministry.



Register for this year's Bishop's Day at Cadillac UMC. Small group sessions include: Worship, Finance, SPRC, Stewardship, Hospitality, Partnering with the Poor and more. Registrations are available at the welcome table in the fellowship hall.

Sponsored by the Grand Traverse and Heartland Districts



Bishop's Day 2011

Small but Significant: Why Every Church Matters

March 26, 2011
Cadillac UMC
1020 E. Division St.
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Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!!!

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Kingsley United Methodist Church

Mission

Kingsley United Methodist Church is an open door to all offering life in Jesus Christ.

Vision

Invite all those who come to, or are a part of Kingsley United Methodist Church to feel connected to the body of Christ by developing God-given gifts through ministry.

Core Values

- *Worship focused on God*
- *Jesus Christ is Lord of all*
- *Membership is a commitment*
- *Life based on the authority of scripture*
- *Maintaining a biblical moral consciousness*
- *Fostering God-given talents within the church*
- *An open door to all*



Fellowship Fun

