



Heavenly Notes

“Having Conversations about God”

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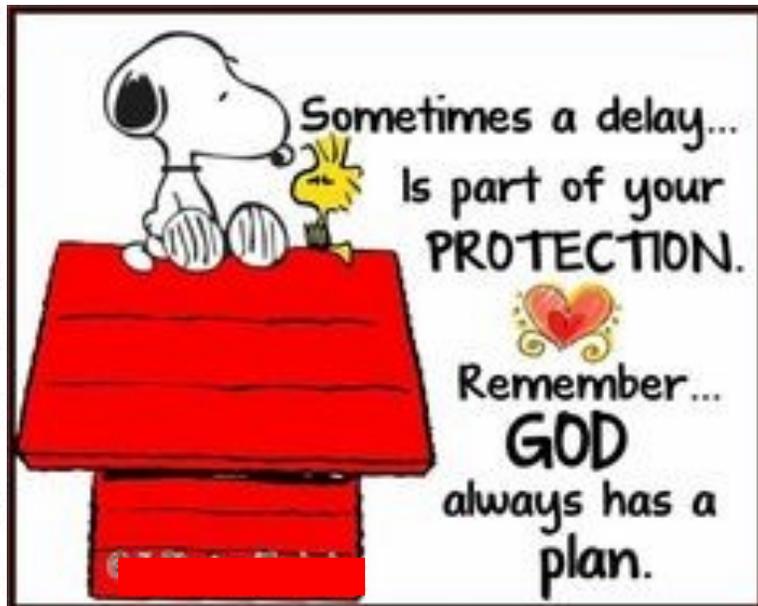
Sunday Worship

Service:
10:00 a.m.
Children’s Sunday School:
10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour:
11:15 a.m.

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*During the
Dog Days of August
Don’t Sweat It!*



~ Musings from the Pastor ~

By the time you read this, both of the Republic and Democratic National Conventions will be over. During the course of these two conventions there have been countless speakers telling you why you should vote for their candidate of choice. Both conventions had their bumps of dissatisfaction, and for the first time in a long time, neither of them were very smooth.

One of the observations that I have made from these conventions is how passionate people are about their candidate. As I watch the news, there are people of both parties that try to sway others about how the other candidate is not the right choice for our country. Other people are disillusioned at their own party and refuse to vote for their own party's candidate for various reasons. It certainly has been a crazy political season, hasn't it?

Again, it is amazing how passionate people are about their political candidate, and in a few more years, regardless of how this election turns out, it will be written down and almost all but forgotten. Who really brings up the Bush/Gore election in 2000 and the hanging chads? But this is so not true about another time of political intrigue that happened a few years ago.

There was a political struggle between the Jewish religious leaders and a young rabbi named Jesus. Jesus claimed to be the long awaited Messiah, and after they had him put to death God raised him from the dead. Jesus, regardless what the political air of that day would suggest, was the Messiah, he was the Savior of the world! But the difference between Jesus and the political arena we face today is we cannot forget Jesus. Jesus just didn't make a difference for people of his day, he has made a difference for people of every generation since his day. Hopefully he is making a difference in your life today too.

As today's political climate continues to roar with all its ups and downs, realize it is still pretty fleeting in regard to history. But for Jesus, our eternal destination relies on pledging ourselves to believe in him and to serve him for all of our days.



May God bless you and your families,

Pastor Paul





Calendar of Events



Meetings for August, 2016

- Mon., August 1: Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., August 10: Worship Team Meeting, 12:30 p.m.
- Thurs. August 11: Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sat., August 13: Personal Pantry Delivery in Armstrong Hall, 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs., August 17: Ladies Summer Tea at Secluded Celebrations 12:00 p.m.
- Sat., August 20: UMM /Love Inc. furniture delivery, 8:00 a.m.
- Sun., August 21: United Methodist Men Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- Sat., August 27: Personal Pantry Delivery in Armstrong Hall, 9:30 a.m.



**Dates
To Remember**



Weekly Events in August, 2016

Every Sunday:

Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hour, 11:00 a.m.



Every Monday:

No Christianity, Islam, & Other World Religions, 10:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday:

Prayers and Squares Quilting, 9:00 a.m.
 Daniel Plan Get Healthy Walking group, 6:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

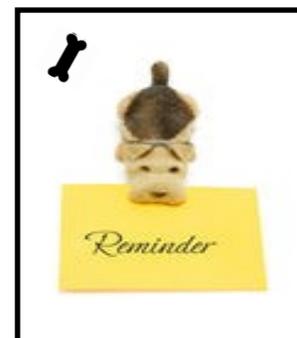
Psalms Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
 Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.

Every Saturday:

Alcoholics Anonymous, 10:00 a.m.





Special Dates

August Birthdays

- 1 - Darcie Westbrook
- 10 - Cheryl Sorg
- 13 - Darla Jackson
- 17 - Larry Schleh



August Anniversaries

- 3, 1985 Keith & Mickie Voight
- 7, 1965 Bruce and Pat Harton
- 9, 1969 Earl & Jo Campbell
- 9, 1986 Jeff & Laura Walker



August Servants

Greeters

- August 07: Don & Pat Coleman
- August 14: Bonnville Family
- August 21: Hartland Methodist Men
- August 28: Volunteers Needed

Ushers

- August 07: Jim & Mary Jo Malott
- August 14: Randy & Mary Jo Bell
- August 21: Hartland Methodist Men
- August 28: Jim & Erin Hankins

Liturgist

- August 07: Shelia Daniel
- August 14: Mary Monroe
- August 21: Charles Kirkpatrick
- August 28: Terri Preiss

Multi Media Specialist

- August 07: Charles Kirkpatrick
- August 14: Michael Clark
- August 21: Gary LaRoy
- August 28: Jo Campbell



The 10 Commandments (from a dog's perspective)



1. My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years; any separation from you will be painful for me. Remember that before you adopt me.

2. Give me time to understand what you want from me; don't be impatient, short-tempered, or irritable.

3. Place your trust in me and I will always trust you back. Respect is earned not given as an inalienable right.

4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't look me up as punishment; I am not capable of understanding why. I only know I have been rejected. You have your work, entertainment, and friends, but I only have you.

5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice and your tone. You only have to look at my tail.

6. Be aware that however you treat me, I'll never forget it, and if it's cruel, it may affect me forever.

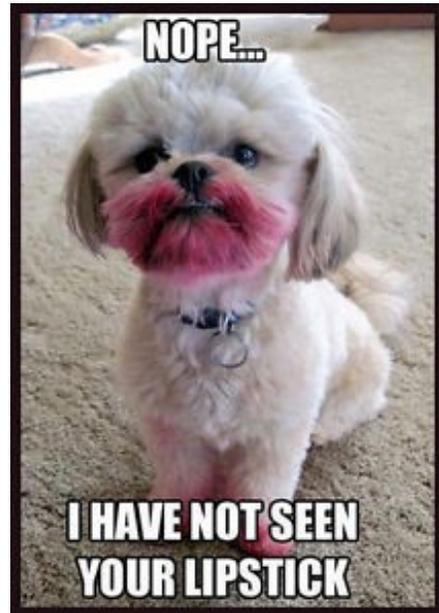
7. Please don't hit me. I can't hit back, but I can bite and scratch, and I really don't ever want to do that.

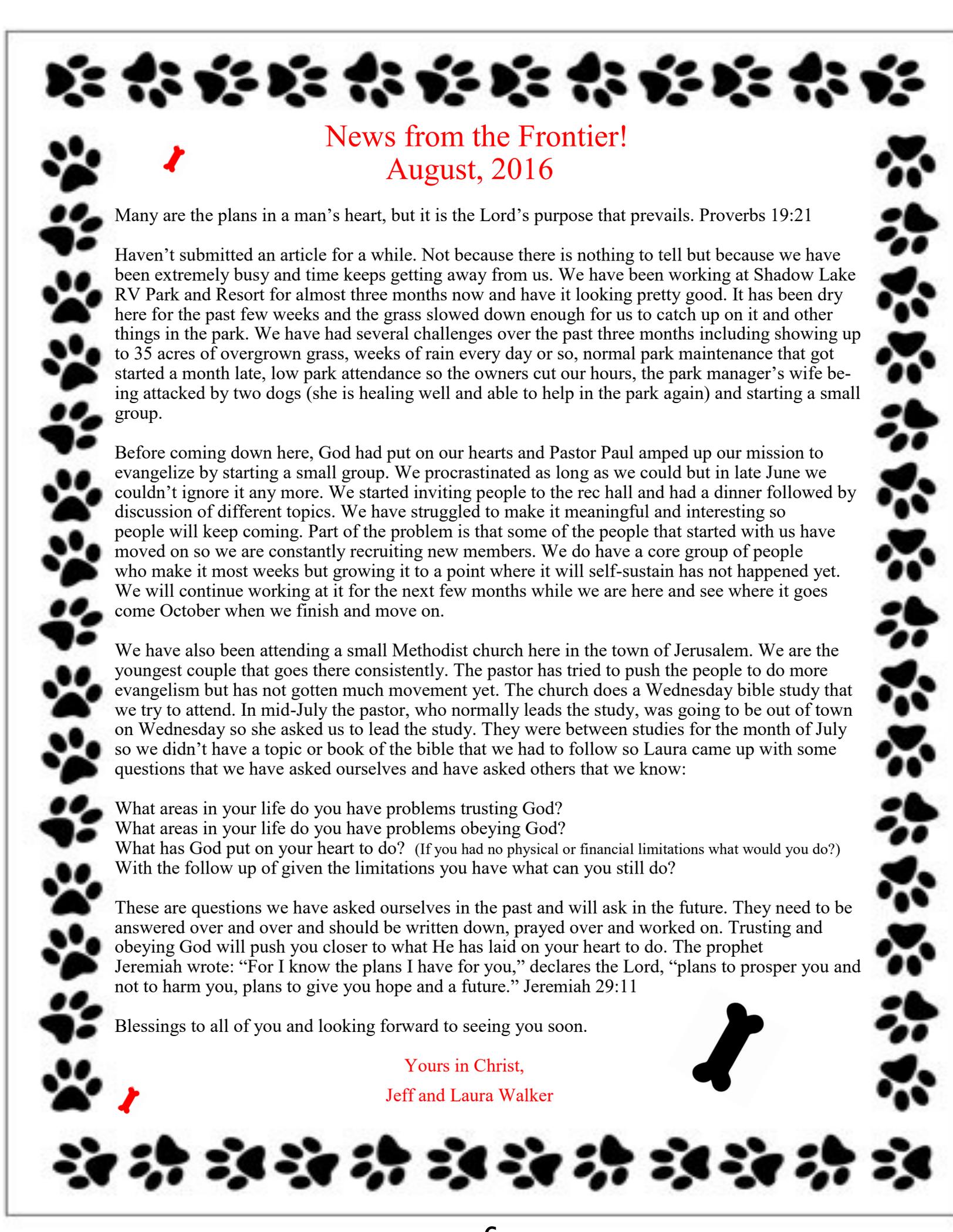
8. Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right foods or I've been out in the sun too long, or my heart is getting old and weak. It may be I am just dog-tired.

9. Take care of me when I get old. You too will grow old and may also need love, care, comfort, and attention.

10. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say, "I can't bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there. Remember, regardless of what you do, I will always love you.

A dog thinks: These people feed me, pet me, love me, they must be God. A cat thinks: These people feed me, pet me, love me, I must be a God.





News from the Frontier!

August, 2016

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

Haven't submitted an article for a while. Not because there is nothing to tell but because we have been extremely busy and time keeps getting away from us. We have been working at Shadow Lake RV Park and Resort for almost three months now and have it looking pretty good. It has been dry here for the past few weeks and the grass slowed down enough for us to catch up on it and other things in the park. We have had several challenges over the past three months including showing up to 35 acres of overgrown grass, weeks of rain every day or so, normal park maintenance that got started a month late, low park attendance so the owners cut our hours, the park manager's wife being attacked by two dogs (she is healing well and able to help in the park again) and starting a small group.

Before coming down here, God had put on our hearts and Pastor Paul amped up our mission to evangelize by starting a small group. We procrastinated as long as we could but in late June we couldn't ignore it any more. We started inviting people to the rec hall and had a dinner followed by discussion of different topics. We have struggled to make it meaningful and interesting so people will keep coming. Part of the problem is that some of the people that started with us have moved on so we are constantly recruiting new members. We do have a core group of people who make it most weeks but growing it to a point where it will self-sustain has not happened yet. We will continue working at it for the next few months while we are here and see where it goes come October when we finish and move on.

We have also been attending a small Methodist church here in the town of Jerusalem. We are the youngest couple that goes there consistently. The pastor has tried to push the people to do more evangelism but has not gotten much movement yet. The church does a Wednesday bible study that we try to attend. In mid-July the pastor, who normally leads the study, was going to be out of town on Wednesday so she asked us to lead the study. They were between studies for the month of July so we didn't have a topic or book of the bible that we had to follow so Laura came up with some questions that we have asked ourselves and have asked others that we know:

What areas in your life do you have problems trusting God?
What areas in your life do you have problems obeying God?
What has God put on your heart to do? (If you had no physical or financial limitations what would you do?)
With the follow up of given the limitations you have what can you still do?

These are questions we have asked ourselves in the past and will ask in the future. They need to be answered over and over and should be written down, prayed over and worked on. Trusting and obeying God will push you closer to what He has laid on your heart to do. The prophet Jeremiah wrote: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Blessings to all of you and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff and Laura Walker



Baptism

On August 28th Baptism through immersion will take place at Round Lake (Bruce & Janice Wright's House). If you are interested in being Baptized or Re-Affirming your Baptism please contact Pastor Paul or the church office for more information.



New Membership Classes

Are you looking to take another step towards commitment to and for God? Come and explore what it means to become a member of God's church here at HUMC. These classes can also serve as a refresher course for those wanting to renew their commitment to God and the Church.

Enjoy a dog day afternoon with district friends!

Ann Arbor District
PICNIC
Tecumseh UMC

Saturday, August 13th
Noon - 3 pm

Rev. Spaw is cooking hotdogs. Please bring a dish to pass if you can.

Live music.

Meet the new pastors on our district.

No agenda, just fun.

Bring a Friend Sunday



September 11, 2016



A luncheon will follow the service.

So how do I go about inviting a friend to service? Here are some guidelines you can follow to invite a friend to church. Begin by writing down a few names of potential guest you can invite, then:

1. Pray for those God wants you to invite to be your Guest to church
2. Pray for the opportunity to arise to invite them to Church
3. Pray for awareness of their need
4. Pray for awareness of the opportunity
5. Pray for the courage to invite them to church.
6. Pray for favor that they would accept the invitation.

Begin with the above instructions, and we provide some resources over the following few weeks to help you in extending a personal invitation to a friend. Jesus came to earth to tell a group of people about who he is and what he has done for us... and then before he leaves, tells his disciples to go and tell the world who he is and what he has done for us.

The thing about statistics are that they make us aware of the truth. In the realm of the church, upwards of 90% of all people who come to church for the first time do so because someone invited them to come.

In another telling statistic, only 2% of church attenders actually invite people to come to church.

A True Friendship



A crumb from the donut
a piece of toast
that's all it takes
no need to boast.
A scratch on the ear
a pat on the head
a quiet "good doggie"
no more said.
A walk in the park
a ride in the car
no need to go fast
no need to go far.
Always there
happy and content
a tried and true friendship
no need to invent.



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Automate The Important!

As we get ready to enjoy a great summer season, let's also be sure our bills get paid while we're traveling. Not just our home bills, but our church bills as well. Our bills don't take a vacation just because we do!



BRIGHTMOOR 2016



OCTOBER 1, 2016

OPENING CEREMONY is at 9AM

BRIGHTMOOR ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

12065 W. OUTER DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48223

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MEMBERS OF YOUR CONGREGATION JOIN US FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR NEIGHBORS.

WE WOULD ALSO ASK YOU TO PLEASE HELP US SPREAD THE WORD BY PUTTING THIS' INFO ON YOUR CHURCH CALENAR.

ANYONE CAN REGISTER FOR THE EVENT BEGINNING ON AUGUST 15, 2016

BY GOING TO HANDS4DETROIT.ORG

VOLUNTEERS WORK FROM 9:30AM - 3:00PM

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

***Hands4Detroit is an annual day of service and food drive sponsored by the Detroit Renaissance District of the United Methodist Church. Held on the first Saturday of October, Hands4Detroit brings together a thousand volunteers of all ages from across Metropolitan Detroit who, alongside residents of the community, put their hands to work on clean up and beautification projects.

***Additionally, Hands4Detroit partners with Gleaners Community Food Bank to sponsor a food drive. We invite you to come and pick up an empty box or 2 beginning today at Brightmoor Aldersgate UMC, and take them to your church to fill with non perishable food between now and October 1, 2016.

All donations help Hands4Detroit with its goal of driving out hunger across the Motor City.





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Happiness is
God's Peace
in your
Heart!

