



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HOWELL FUMC | MAY 2021

Looking Ahead - Pastor Scott

Where are we going? What are we doing? What is the plan? We are moving straight ahead in a day where we are not sure what is ahead.

Direction determines destination. This means that where you are headed is where you will arrive, if you don't get lost along the way.

Below you will see our "rough" plans for moving ahead in three vital areas.

1. Getting to know you. You might think I should know all of you by now, but I don't. It's hard to connect with masked people for me, and many are staying home. As you are able, please connect with me by phone (616) 307-9765 or email otis.scott@gmail.com to set up a get together.
2. Re-Launch Time Line
 - June: develop a Launch Team. Would you like to be a part of the team?
 - July: do one outreach project
 - August: do two outreach projects
 - September: do two outreach projects
 - September: send out marketing postcards on 9/1 and 9/16
 - September: meet with Hospitality Team to plan
 - October: Relaunch the church
 - October: do one outreach project
 - November: do one outreach project
 - December: Christmas project
 - December 2: send out Christmas postcard
 - December 30: Send out postcard "*Start your year right*"
3. Governance (Document available on www.howellfumc.com and in Café / Library)
 - May 9, 16 and 23: Teaching during services (Governance Team)
 - May 26: Town Hall Meeting @ 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary
 - June 16: Church Conference @ 7:00 PM *details to come later*
 - Receive recommendations for potential team members. (Lay Leadership)
 - Interview interested parties. (Lay Leadership Team)
 - July: Prayer about who should be on the team.
 - August: choose new Leadership Team candidates for Church Conference approval.
 - Fall Church Conference: vote on the new Leadership Team and more training
 - October thru December: Train new Leadership Team and anyone interested.
 - January 2022: Transition to new Leadership Single Board Governance Model

It sounds like there is a lot ahead. There is. Our community, family and Lord are counting on us. Can you pray? Our work needs to be bathed in prayer! Will you? I am looking forward to moving with you, even if it is dark.

Join me,
Pastor Scott



Did You Know?

Howell FUMC has a medical loan closet. We have used, donated medical equipment and new supplies. Some items include, walkers and tub chairs. Feel free to borrow items for as long as you may need them. The supplies are consumable and do not need to be replaced.

If you have any questions about equipment, you can ask anyone from the Health Ministry Team, or call Debbie Mitchell (517) 618-7069. You may also call the church office to set a time to come in and pick up items.

Some items available:

- Walkers (several types)
- Wheelchairs
- Tub & shower benches
- Commodes
- Hoyer lift
- Gait belts
- Gauze
- Disposable washcloths & baby wipes
- Adult disposable briefs
- Disposable under pads
- Diabetic supplies
- & More!



Gleaners donations for April totaled 61 pounds; this brings 2021 total to 165 pounds so far. The need to feed the food insecure is still extremely great. Your help with providing for their need is greatly appreciated!

Giving Garden

SPRING IS HERE!



Spring is here! The Giving Garden is ready for clean-up and planting. I have posted chores and a garden plan in the garden for anyone that has a spare moment to work on their own. A few of us are gathering on Saturday mornings around 9:30 AM (weather permitting) to begin the process of early planting and clean-up.

PLEASE JOIN US for the Official Clean-Up Day.

May 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM and again on

June 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM for Planting Day!

**PLEASE bring your own tools, mask and spirit!*

Join the Garden Fun!

For questions call or text

Diana Visconti (734)516-6040

FUMC Memorial Scholarships

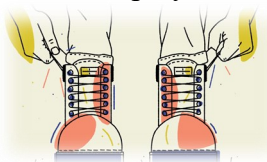
FUMC is blessed to be able to offer scholarships to college-bound high school graduates and current university and trades school students.

Application forms are available at howellfumc.com or from Diane Griffin via email

diane@howellfumc.com and will be received through May 31st.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for all the calls, cards, shawl and prayers during our tough times. You all have pulled us up by our emotional boot straps!



With Thanks!
Shirley & Dave Teggerdine



Christ caring for people through people

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Easter has come and gone, but the hope we have in the remembrance of the meaning of Easter should remain as we live our lives each day.

A favorite hymn of so many, especially during this time of year, is **"In the Garden"**. As the chorus says *"And He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own, and the joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known."* I recently read that the writer of this hymn, C. Austin Miles, said he wrote the song after reading chapter 20 of the Gospel of John. He felt he was a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life when she realized she was kneeling before Jesus, following his resurrection. Jesus found her crying, and once she realized it was Him, her sorrow turned to joy and she ran to tell the disciples.

We have that assurance as well, that Jesus is Risen; in heaven with the Father, but hasn't left us on our own. As believers, we have the Holy Spirit within us. We can be reassured He is with us and we are His own.

If you are struggling with interruptions in your walk with the Lord, be assured and comforted by a Stephen minister that you don't have to get through it on your own. They can help encourage you of Christ's desire for you and rely on His presence in your life.

The Stephen Ministry is guided by the compass to provide compassionate, skilled, faithful and trustworthy ministry. We are here to serve. Please don't hesitate to seek help.

HAPPY SPRING TO ALL!

Patti Van Loo for the Stephen Ministry Team



SSSTEP MEETING

Monday, May 10

7:00 PM

Youth Room

More information to come. Watch the website and social media regarding MOPS & MOPS Next.

ALL FOR LOVE



Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7, ESV

Graduation

Sunday

June 6th



All High School or University graduates are invited to attend worship on June 6, 2021 and be recognized! Please send a digital photo of you and information about the school which you are graduating from and your future plans. Information is due to the church office by Thursday, June 3rd.

Send to jrhodes@howellfumc.com



HOWELL FUMC YOUTH | Spring 2021

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY | Grades 6-12 | Sundays @ 10:30am
SPARK | Grades 6-8 | Wednesdays @ 6-7:30pm
IGNITE | Grades 9-12 | Sundays @ 6-8pm
Church Events

MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Mar 22 | \$50 Camp Deposit & Registration Due
Mar 28 | Palm Sunday Worship Service
Mar 28 – Apr 4 | Spring Break, No Youth Events

Sara's B'day | Mar 10
Garrett's B'day | Mar 11
Sophia's B'day | Mar 23

Save the Date: July 12-15



APRIL

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Apr 4 | Easter, No Youth Events
Apr | Summer Camp Giving Fundraiser. Dates to be determined. Stay tuned on Sunday mornings and on our church website to see how you can be involved or support our youth.

Evan's B'day | Apr 29

April: Camp Fundraiser



MAY

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

May 9 | Mother's Day, No Youth Events
May 15 | Tie Blankets Service Project
May 27 | Last Day of School for Howell
May 31 | Memorial Day, No Youth Events

Ellie's B'day | May 25
Erik's B'day | May 31

FIND OUT MORE:

www.howellfumcyouth.com
danielle@howellfumc.com

Single Board Governance

The Single Governance Board task force has been meeting regularly and has presented to Church Council the final draft of “Leadership Team Guiding Principles”. The document has received Church Council approval. The Single Board Governance model would replace the Church Council/Administrative Board model. If approved by Church Conference, the name will be changed from Church Council to Leadership Team.

The document is based on the premise Howell FUMC believes every person deserves to be welcomed as a cherished part of a community. The entire document will be available for review in the church library or electronically from the church office.

The Guiding Principles as approved by Church Council are organized in four distinct parts:

I. Ministry Principles

The section begins with a comprehensive guiding statement that is externally focused and mission driven and contains the following elements:

- Seeking the unchurched
- Nurturing disciples
- Transforming the world

Ministry principles describe Ministry Teams that will be responsible for implementing the church’s vision and mission. A list of ministries will be maintained which will include the goals and benefits each team is expected to accomplish in meeting the vision and mission of the church.

II. Boundary Principles

The section includes the following:

- Ethical and biblical integrity statements
- Financial stewardship accountability and reporting requirements
- Relationship expectations between the Pastor, congregation and staff
- Safe sanctuary, staff hiring and termination standards
- Pastor and Leadership Team relations accountability
- Future Pastor succession

III. Accountability Principles

Accountability Principles spell out the Leadership Team Code of Conduct and the disciplining process for the Leadership Team. Monitoring the performance of the Pastor is also an important part of this section.

In this model the Pastor is considered the Chief Operation Officer while the Leadership Team is considered the Board of Directors.

The Leadership Team will be made up of seven to nine members approved by Church Conference. Roles within the Leadership Team are established each year. One person may have more than one role. The roles are as follows:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chair
- Recording Secretary
- Lay Leader
- Trustee
- Staff Parish Relations
- Finance

The use of sub teams under the auspices of the Leadership Team are provided for. The sub teams will reinforce the work of the Leadership Team but never interfere with the delegation from the Leadership Team to the Pastor or with the work of staff.

Single Board Governance Continued...

IV. Organizational Principles

Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the church is the Body of Christ.

The Leadership Team assumes and performs all duties and functions of the Administrative Council as spelled out in the Book of Discipline for the United Methodist Church.

The role of the Leadership Team, eligibility to become a Leadership Team member, voting requirements, and removal from the Leadership Team are all spelled out in this section. Term limits and staggered terms are provided for.

The Guiding Principles document contains the following Appendices:

- Leadership Team Covenant
- Leadership Team Candidate Application

You will learn more in upcoming worship services and at a Town Hall meeting scheduled for May 26. There will be a special Church Conference to vote on the plan to be held in the month of June.



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Howell FUMC Financial Summary

01-01-2021 thru 03-31-2021

Income

	2021 Actual	2021 Target	Amt Over/ (Under)	Actual / Target	Y-T-D expected	Actual to Expected Percentage Over/(Under)
General - pledged	102,232.35	310,697.00	(208,464.65)	32.90	24.59	8.31
General - non-pledged	37,261.00	251,880.16	(214,619.16)	14.79	24.59	(9.80)
Loose Plate	748.00	8,000.00	(7,252.00)	9.35	24.59	(15.24)
Other	620.35	7,027.00	(6,406.65)	8.83	24.59	(15.76)
Total	140,861.70	577,604.16	(436,742.46)	24.39	24.59	(0.20)

Expenses

Budget split	Actual	Budget	Amt Over/ (Under)	Actual / Budget	Y-T-D expected	Actual to Expected Percentage Over/(Under)
21.16 1.0 Operating expenses	26,117.91	122,243.52	-96,125.61	21.37	24.59	(3.22)
9.36 2.0 Program expenses	9,194.58	54,085.00	-44,890.42	17.00	24.59	(7.59)
10.83 3.0 Ministry Shares	17,724.00	62,547.00	-44,823.00	28.34	24.59	3.75
58.56 4.0 Staff Salaries	85,691.55	338,228.64	-252,537.09	25.34	24.59	0.75
0.09 Payroll expenses	134.75	500.00	-365.25	26.95	24.59	2.36
100.00 Total	138,862.79	577,604.16	-438,741.37	24.04	24.59	(0.55)

Income Overage/(Shortfall) \$ 1,998.91

We are a third of the way thru the year but our Financial reporting only covers a fourth of the year. We are in good shape financially but we will need your continued support especially as we enter the summer months.

One thing of note is that the Investment Committee decided to invest some of our funds in the new Church Parnsage. The mortgage has been paid off and the plan is to pay ourselves 2 percent interest on the funds invested. A payment has been established of \$860 per month to go towards the replenishment of the funds.

Thank you for your faithful giving and have an enjoyable summer!!!



Teen & Young Adult Mental Health Awareness

Monday, May 10
at 7 p.m.

We all know a teen who is struggling with negative feelings or behaviors.

Join us for a **free** seminar on May 10 as Kirsti Reeve, licensed professional counselor, discusses young adult and teen mental health.

Topics covered include: anxiety, depression, suicide awareness and more.

Adults, parents, teens, teachers and other interested parties are welcome to attend from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

We will facilitate this meeting using Zoom.

Meeting link will be provided via email upon registration.

Registration required. Please register at

stjoeshealth.org/classes-and-events/teen-young-adult-mental-health-awareness-seminar

Space is limited, please register at your earliest convenience.

For questions, please contact St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church at 810-229-8624.

Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Brighton and St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church



Well-being Resources for Michiganders

This pandemic has been a challenge, but finding support does not have to be.



Emotional Support – Talk to People Who Care

• **Have Covid-19 related stress and anxiety?**

Call Stay Well Counseling via the Covid-19 Hotline: 888-535-6136 and press "8". Counselors are available 24/7 - confidential and free.

• **Living with or have family members with mental illness or substance use challenges?**

Call the Michigan Peer Warmline: 888-733-7753. Available daily from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

• **Feeling overwhelmed, stressed and anxious?** Text the 24/7 Michigan Crisis Text Line. Text the keyword "RESTORE" to 741741.

• **Have suicidal feelings or thoughts?**

Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255. Available 24/7. Text the keyword "TALK" to 741741. Deaf or hard of hearing hotline: 800-273-8255 (TTY 800-799-4889).

Local Agencies for Seniors

Services for seniors may include meals on wheels, food pantries, in-home care, caregiver support, health and wellness classes, housing options, transportation resources, or just make friends and chat with other seniors:

- **Area Agency on Aging:**
Eldercare Locator: 800-677-1116.
- **Catholic Social Services:**
734-971-9781.
- **Catholic Charities:**
517-545-5944 press 122.

- **Learn how to set up Facebook, ZOOM and other technology.** Call 888-559-1614 or visit www.getsetup.io/michigan. Over 150 small group classes are available as a free service to seniors, ages 60 and up.

Resources and COVID-19 Information

Need help connecting to local resources such as clothing, financial assistance and COVID-19 testing or vaccine information?

- **Saint Joseph Mercy Health System Community Resource Hub and COVID Hotline:** 833-247-1258 and press 3.
- **Dial 2-1-1:** to reach the United Way referral and information helpline.
- **State of MI COVID-19 Hotline:** 888-535-6136.



Faith Community Nursing
When you go through deep waters,
I will be with you. ~ Isaiah 43:2

>>> May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			4pm Bible Study 5:15pm – Bell Practice 6pm – Blast, Ignite. 6:30pm – Choir in a Car 7pm – Praise Band			1 9am Fitness
2	3 8am; 4:15pm Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 6:30pm Worship Dgn	4 9am;5pm;7pm Fit 12-4pm D.A.R.	5 8am Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 10am Staff Meeting	6 9am; 4:15pm;5pm Fit 10am Sisters 6:30pm MOPS 7pm Trustees	7 8am; 10am Fitness <i>May Friendship Day</i>	8 9am Fitness 9am Spring Clean-up Trustees
<i>9</i>	10 8am; 4:15pm Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 6:30pm Worship Dgn 7pm SSTEP (13-15)	11 9am;5pm;7pm Fit	12 8am Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool Stronghold	13 9am; 4:15pm;5pm Fit 10am Sisters 1pm Questors 7pm Finance 7pm Grace Circle	14 8am; 10am Fitness	15 Armed Forces Day 9am Fitness 9am Garden Work Day
Mother's Day *Youth Tie Blanket						
16 Ascension Sunday	17 8am; 4:15pm Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 6:30pm Worship Dgn 6:30/7pm Stephen Min	18 9am;5pm;7pm Fit 7pm S/PRC	19 8am Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 10am Dorcas/M-M 1pm Ruth Circle	20 9am; 4:15pm;5pm Fit 10am Sisters 7pm Council	21 8am; 10am Fitness <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	22 9am Fitness <i>Wedding</i>
23 Pentecost	24 8am; 4:15pm Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 6:30pm Worship Dgn 7pm Faith Circle	25 9am;5pm;7pm Fit	26 8am Fitness 9-2:30 Preschool 7pm Town Hall Mtg	27 9am; 4:15pm;5pm Fit 10am Sisters 7pm Mary/Elizabeth	28 8am; 10am Fitness	29 9am Fitness
30 *Peace w/ Justice Sunday Children PJ Sunday	31 OFFICE CLOSED Memorial Day			AA Groups 7am – Sun-Mon 12pm – Mon-Fri 7:30pm – Monday		

Sunday

Worship:

8am – Chapel

9am – Fellowship Hall

10:30am - Sanctuary

Children & Youth:

Age 3-5th grade 9 & 10:30am

Middle & High school 10:30am