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Reverend Dr. Willie F. Smith
Pastor

Conant Avenue United Methodist Church Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I am praying that when you read this correspondence either by electronic mail or by hard copy all is well with you and your loved ones. Well, July has come and passed. We are in the month of August. My, how time flies when you are having fun. Or at least that is how the old saying goes as it was recorded in the 1800. But it seems this pandemic is taking all the fun out of our daily routines. No more movies, going out to eat, going to sporting events, going to friends and relatives' houses, travel, etc. All these things have been put on hold because of the pandemic. Here at Conant, our routine has changed quite a bit. We have been having in house services since the 1st Sunday in July and yes, we are following safety protocols. We are still having worship services over Facebook Live and Zoom. We have had a few "hiccups" with modern technology but we are working through them. We received a blessing, as some of Mt. Hope members have made their way to Conant. They have already started to work in making God's house the way he intended it to be. A place of comfort, a place of worship, a place where God comes first. We have added an additional bible study at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. We have also added an evening worship service that will be held on Zoom and Facebook Live. This first evening service will be held on the first Sunday in August at 7:00 pm. We pray that you find the time to participate with us during these additional times of worship. It is of the utmost importance that we follow the safety guidelines our government officials have put in place. WEAR YOUR MASK. If not for your own safety, then do it for the safety of your fellow man. And even of more importance, please take the time out to VOTE. Vote for the candidate of your choice so when the new government officials take their office you will have had a voice in putting them there.

Be blessed

Pastor Smith



Conant Bible Study

Look at God's All Wise Holy Spirit, we studied John 1:1-14 in our very informational bible study with teacher, **Ricky Gibson!**

We look forward to exploring God's Word inspired by The Holy Spirit each Wednesday at 6:00 P.M. and then 7:15 P.M. VIA ZOOM. THE BOOK OF JOHN Join Zoom - Meeting ID: 884 2865 6727 Passcode: 091478

Micki Phelps and **Addie Richardson** are teaming to lead a study of coping during this season of high stress and anxiety. The discussion will center around the UMW Book Study: Finding Peace in an Anxious World by **Erin James-Brown**. All are invited to join the small group, which is growing. You do not have to be UMW, Female, or Member. The **Zoom Meeting ID# is 592-480-010**. The group meets from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. This discussion centers around the application of The Serenity Prayer and The Book of Proverbs.

Spotlight on Conant Members



90-year-old **Mae Matthews** of Detroit Conant Avenue United Methodist Church uses Zoom to attend a Special Called Church Conference. Her pastor, the Rev. Willie Smith, celebrates, "God is doing a new thing in Kingdom work!"



Marchelle Phelps was elected as president of the nine-member North Central Jurisdiction United Methodist Women Leadership Team. Effective September 2020 and she will serve for the next four years. **Marchelle** will also serve as a United Methodist Women Director by virtue of her role in the Jurisdiction.

Congratulations Marchelle (Mickie)



He enlisted in the United States Army and was sworn in on February 11, 2020. 20 year old, **Private First Class Ciere Fremon Turner II** has spent the last six months in Fort Benning, GA training to be a 19-Kilo Tank Armor Crewman. The first nine weeks focused on instilling Army values. The next twelve weeks was specialization training. The objective was to learn how to operate, maintain, and armor MIAI/MIAZ Abrams Tanks. For his hard work and dedication his Drill Sergeants saw fit to promote Ciere from the rank of Private 2 to Private First Class at the conclusion of twenty-three weeks of duty. Ciere's next assignment will be in Fort Flood, TX; operating, equipping, and maintaining MIAI/MIAZ Abrams Technical Armaments.

Thank You Conant Avenue UMC for your prayers, support, and love!



Ellena R. Totty was approved in the Clergy Session of the Michigan Annual Conference as a Certified Lay Minister effective August 12, 2020.

Congratulations Ellena