



**Conant Avenue UMC**

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Pastor**

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## Conant Avenue United Methodist Church Newsletter



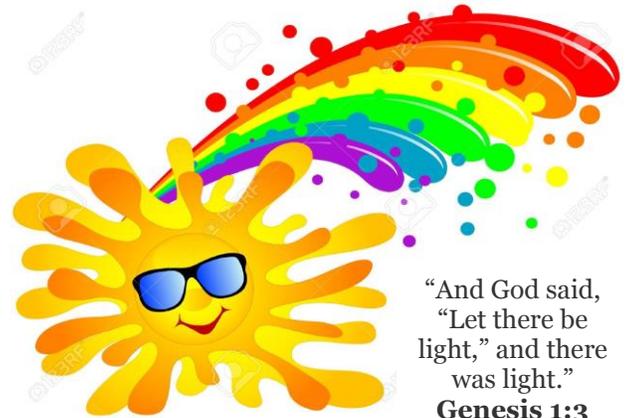
### The Pastor's Pen

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I am praying while you are reading this newsletter either by email on our web page or through our church bulletin, that all is well with you and you are enjoying the blessings that God has just for you. I pray that you receive all that is for you and your loved ones. Can someone tell me if summer is here or not? I turned my heat off then I had to turn it on again, who would imagine 40 degrees in May. Not me. May is the month that I check to see if my short pants are ready for the summer. The governor has lifted most of the restrictions the pandemic placed on us. Always remember wisdom is the best medicine. I still wear my mask, especially when I am out and about at the market, in restaurants, especially when I don't know the people who I am coming in direct contact with. The governor's office says that more than 60% of Michigan's population has received vaccines. They are now rolling out vaccines for those under 18 years of age. I for one will be glad when it is safe for everyone to attend church services in person. I really miss seeing you on Sunday mornings. I miss the choir and I miss just fellowshiping with you all. Sadly, this month will be the end of my time here at Conant. Like the song Brother Gibson sang one Sunday says "Everything must change. Nothing stays the same." Sometimes change is a good and positive thing. Change brings new ideas, new programs, and new ways to help Conant get to the place that God wants it to be. I am grateful for the time I had at Conant. I am extremely grateful for the love shown to my wife Dianne. You all embraced her with love and I will never ever forget that. Thank You all. Thanks also to our new family members from Mt. Hope. You stepped right in and Conant did not miss a beat. Thank you again. I will forever be grateful for the experience I had as your lead pastor here at Conant. I pray that God continues to bless the mission and ministry here at Conant. May God continue to bless each and every one of you as only he can.

Be Blessed

In His Service Rev. Dr. Willie F. Smith



"And God said,  
"Let there be  
light," and there  
was light."  
**Genesis 1:3**

### **WISH THEM WELL AS THEY MOVE ON TO A NEW CHAPTER IN LIFE**

### **FAREWELL TO PASTOR SMITH & FIRST LADY DIANNE**

Join the congregation to say  
Thank You and Farewell to Our Pastor  
Willie F. Smith & First Lady Dianne  
Jefferson Smith upon the completion  
of 6 years of service at Conant.

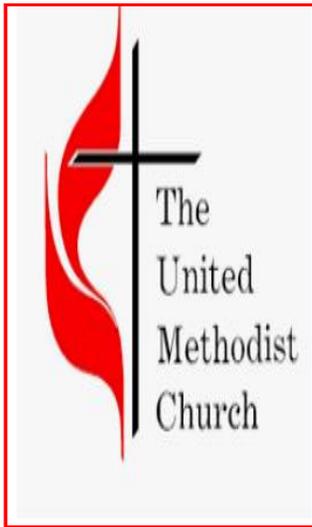
**SUNDAY JUNE 27, 2021**

**At 11:00 a.m.**

**DURING REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE**

**In Conant's Sanctuary**





**Join us in Welcoming Conant's New  
Senior Pastor  
Rev. Audrey Mangum  
on Sunday July 4, 2021  
11:00 a.m. in Conant's Sanctuary**



## Last Month's Highlights

Roxanne McDuffie's Gospel Solo

Diane Borum's Family Bible Moment

Pamela Phelps' Gospel Solo

Shirley Bittings' Family Bible Moment

Sidney Lee's Family Bible Moment

Brother Rick Gibson's Sermon



June 20<sup>th</sup>



Conant Bible Study



Brother Rick Gibson - Instructor  
Every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

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