# Soundings May 2024 - 3509

## Dear Friends –

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As we embrace the gentle warmth of spring, we anticipate the end of the school year. It's been an incredible year for our youth and Sunday School programs. Let's celebrate the milestones we've achieved and extend our deepest appreciation to those who have made these accomplishments possible.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated youth leaders: Sheryl & Brian Mieczkowski, Josh & Kayla Daniels, Laura Glowniak, Jennifer Victor, and Val Harvey. Their commitment and passion have been the backbone of our vibrant program that inspires young people to grow in faith and community. Although the final youth group is upon us, the excitement continues with a summer schedule full of incredible events.

Our Sunday School program extends into next month, culminating in a celebration on June 9th. Our flourishing program owes its thanks to the relentless dedication of our leaders, teachers, and shepherds. Their efforts have ensured that every child in our church is nurtured in the knowledge and love of God. Additionally, we must thank Alison and Amy, our MOMCO (MOPS) leaders and Madeline Freeman for her dedication as our Children's Choir Director. We look forward to the final performance!

This year also marked the launch of our Life Groups - an innovative, whole family, inter-generational initiative that brought us together in homes for dinner and scripture reading. Despite being a pilot year, our three groups have significantly strengthened our bonds and deepened our understanding of God's word.

Our family programs thrive thanks to the servant-leaders who, though unpaid, perform with the dedication of staff members. This vividly demonstrates the power of volunteerism in the Kingdom of God. Every act of service, no matter how small it may seem, weaves together the fabric of our church community, bound together by the love of Christ. Let us continue to support one another and may we all find our place to serve; a place that strengthens our church and brings joy into our lives.

In Christ.

Adam

P.S. Join us on May 26th for a single 10:30am service in the traditional style. This accommodates our band's preparation for our float in the St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade! Also, included in this edition: our summer worship schedule!

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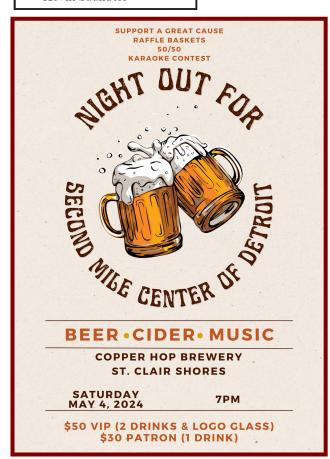
Go to - www.lakeshorechurch.com click on the "online services" tab Or Download the app (questions? Ask the office.)

The 10:45am Worship is also Live-Streamed on YouTube & FB
The 10:45am worship will be live-streamed into the chapel for those
who may need to step out.

# Sabbatical refresh | rest | refocus —

Pastor Adam will be going on sabbatical beginning June 9, 2024, following worship services, and he will return to us for work on September 8, 2024.

Please watch your mail for a special informative brochure with all the details!



### **Brew for Jesus**

Brew for Jesus is a beer-based Bible study designed to be discussed in a small group setting.

This study is meant for Christians and those seeking to learn more about Christ by looking at what is



involved in brewing beer and how that can serve as an analogy to concepts in Christianity.

We plan to meet at -

Dragonmead Brewery

14600 E. Eleven Mile Rd.,

Warren -

beginning May  $7^{\text{th}}$  and will meet every other Tuesday evening at 7pm.

Sound interesting?? Right now you can sign up in the church lobby, call the church office or speak with Pastor Brendan.



#### CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING AT LAKE SHORE CHURCH



The Ukulele Strummers invited me to sit in on their Wednesday afternoon practice recently. I enjoyed listening to them play – it was like I had a private concert! There were about 20 members joyfully strumming their ukuleles as the bright sunshine saturated the Lake Shore Church Welcome Center. They were preparing for their summer concert series named *Love Through the Ages*. They are going to delight the crowds with selections of music from the

early 1900's through the 1960's showing how love songs have evolved over the years. The five love songs they ran through that day were: These Boots are Made for Walkin', Delilah, Crazy, Cherish & Chapel of Love. They also played various selections from two large song books that have over 700 choices.

The Strummers are warm and friendly, and I noticed that although they often laughed and joked with one another, that they were also very dedicated to their craft. They are also committed to supporting and helping each other off the stage. One of their member's, named John, was recently in hospice and about 15 of them went to his bedside to play for him. They handed him a ukulele and he was able to play one last song with his friends. Later, the Strummers played some of his favorite songs at his funeral here at Lake Shore Church.



Most of the Strummers are local, but several drive long distances every week to jam from places like Northville, Hazel Park & Ypsilanti. A Strummer named Ron, nicknamed "The Santa Claus of Ukuleles", has over 40 himself, and has given away over 100 to children and adults alike who were interested in learning how to play. A trio, made up of a mother and her two daughters, play in the group. Virginia is 96 years young, and her two daughters, Claretta & Leah, play along side her.

I also learned that there are several distinct types of ukuleles that are played by the Strummers. They are baritones, tenors, concert, soprano & banjo ukuleles and even an electric one with its own amp.

Five years ago, the two founders, June Taylor & Pat Ihrie, started this east side group because the only ukulele groups at that time were offered on the west side. They started out as just five people sitting together playing for fun to now 30 people who still play for fun, but also perform for audiences. They have played at Lake Shore Church several times during service as well as nursing homes, parks, libraries, and elementary schools, etc. Proceeds that come in from their paid performances go into buying new equipment for the group, and some is donated to charities.



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The group consists of about 10 professional musicians, but most of the Strummers came to playing as a hobby for fun and enjoyment. They told me, "Anyone can play a Uke!" and gave one to me and showed me how to strum a C chord. They welcome people of all abilities to join them at any Wednesday practice between 1:30-3:00pm at Lake Shore Church.

Below you will find their upcoming performances: June 20 – 2:00 pm -American House (St. Clair Shores)

July 7 – 6;00 pm- "Lake Shore on the Lawn" @ Lake Shore Church

July 29 - 7:00 pm- Wahby Park

Aug 17- 1:00 pm -Harrison Township Library

Dec 10 – 2:00 pm- American House (St. Clair Shores)



Written & submitted by Michele Maksout.

## **Youth Group's SUMMER FUN - 2024**

Save these dates!! Sunday, June 2nd - 2-4pm Putt-Putt and Ice Cream @

"World's Finest Frozen Custard"





July 24th-28th - Summer Camp - 3rd graders-2024 grads "Choose Your Own Adventure"



Saturday, August 17th - 9am-5pm - Whoa Zone (Water Park)

See a youth leader for a flyer with all the details!!



#### May Birthdays

5/4 Ellen Sumner

5/7 Linda Whitman

5/11 Ross Markesino

5/13 Nancy Boyle

5/14 Peggy Dell

5/16 Barbara Barak

5/18 Carol Lemay

5/19 Linda Dick

5/20 Nay (Anna) Be Alicia Troyer

5/21 Ezra Hooper

Zelda (Sis) Leadbetter

5/22 Elijah Grosch

5/26 Jackie Cook

Hannah Dell

Brian Freeman

Caden Jenken

Brian Miezckowski

5/27 Jim Thompson

5/28 Nico Bronzetti

5/29 Kay Sumner

5/31 Roman Webb Cindy White



#### May Anniversaries

5/2 Ron & Nancy Barr

5/3 Tom & Barb Lamb

5/7 Jerry & Gayle Spiewak

5/8 Jason & Jackie Cook

Bill & Donna Polom

5/18 Don & Mary-Claire Black

Keith & Cindy VanHouzen

5/19 Nick & Liz Hunter

5/30 Brian & Madeline Freeman



## **MISSION NEWS**

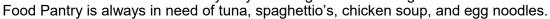
#### Blessing Bags

On Sunday, April 14th, our MOMCO (MOPS) moms packed hygiene bags for our blessing bags. All the items were donated to us by First Presbyterian Church of Brighton. Thank you MOMCO moms!!

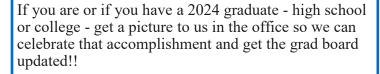


#### Clothes Closet/Food Pantry

Our wonderful volunteers in the Clothes Closet (Closettes) have switched the entire closet over to spring and summer clothes. Please only donate clean, smoke free, current season clothing. Let's save them some hours of work by only donating usable clothing.



Thank you for always supporting Mission, Cheryl Smark



An emailed picture works fine too!



If you have any questions, just call the office - thank you.

Can you name this famous grad??

He's Detroit famous.

# Lake Shore Church

Will have a float in this year's St. Clair Shores Memorial Day Parade!

The 71st Annual Parade begins at 1pm on Sunday, May 26th on Harper Ave. at 9 Mile

Rd. traveling North til 11 Mile Rd.

Come enjoy the parade & our band's float!









9am Traditional 10am Middle & Hi School Sunday School 10:45am Modern 10:45am Sunday School - PreK-5th grade 6pm Youth Groups

# MAY 2024



* = a Small Group  Sun	Mon	6pm Band Practice <b>Tue</b>	1:30pm Ukuleles 7pm Men's AA Wed	6pm Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm AA & Al Anon	Office Closed Fri	7:30pm NA Sat
			1 9am Staff Mtg.	2 9:30am GFC*	3	7pm Copper Hop Fundraiser for Second Mile Center
5Communion 12:15pm Trustees 6pm SNS* 6pm Year End Youth Group Party	6	7 1:30pm Mourner's Path 7pm Brew for Jesus	8 2:30pm Bayview Bunch	9 9:30am GFC*	10	11 10am Breakfast Bunch
12	13 1pm Food Pantry	14 1:30pm Mourner's Path	15 9am Staff Mtg. 6:45pm Personnel	16 9:30am GFC*	17	18
19	20 7pm Deacons 7pm Session	21 1:30pm Mourner's Path	22 2:30pm Bayview Bunch 5pm Food Pantry	23 9:30am GFC*	24	25 10am Breakfast Bunch
26 10:30am Worship ONLY Parade	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 1:30pm Mourner's Path	29 9am Staff Mtg.	30 9:30am GFC*	31	

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

May 26th, a single 10:30am service will be a Traditional Worship. June 2nd, the 10:45am Modern service will be outdoors and the 9am Traditional service will be indoors and live-streamed

Single Unity Worship @ 10:30am
For the summer, beginning 6/16/24 through 9/8/24
Summer Sundays each week for ages pre-k thru 2nd grade

Watch for more details and information on all the above dates!

Join us for the three (3) evening

Lake Shore on the Lawn Services

6pm on July 7th, August 11th, and September 8th