



How is God moving, here at New Heart?



Moving from Easter Egg Hunt to Easter Stations

What an amazing day, sharing the good news of the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ to our community. Over 250 attended, traveling through five Holy week stations. This included: Palm Sunday, Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Good Friday and the Empty Tomb/Resurrection. Followed by a free lunch for the families. At the check-out station, each child received a free bag of Easter candy and other small gifts.

We greatly appreciate the many volunteers that made this event successful for Christ: Midland 1st UMC, Cardinal Square UMC of Midland/Saginaw, Frankenmuth UMC and Central Bay District Superintendent John Kasper.

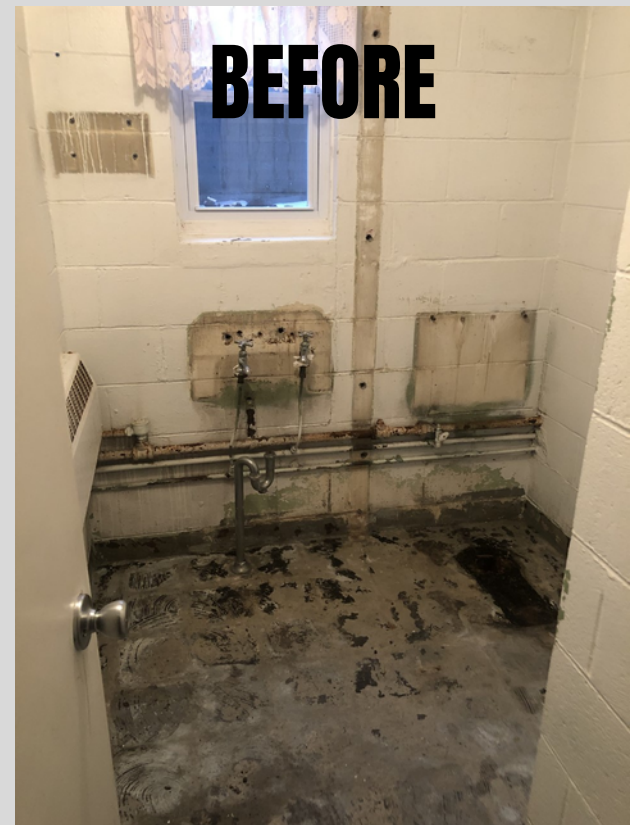


Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Your Compassion & Kindness is a Blessing!

All 8 original bathrooms from 1911 and 1968 had a total restoration! The pictures we posted of these worn and embarrassing bathrooms, generated your compassion and kindness. Instead of using a contractor, Emmitt Green, a 50 year painting contractor and 40 year plus United Methodist Member, offered to over-seeing the total restoration of these bathrooms, by hiring sub-contractors himself for every job. This saved us thousands of dollars! In fact, we did the bathrooms for pennies on the dollar as compared to contractor bids. In 2021 the following were replaced; the flat and pitched roof, replaced all the steel windows with energy efficient thermos paned windows and new energy efficient thermostats, which were all completed winter of 2022. ALL of this for the same price or bid from another contractor wanted to replace the pitched roof! **We thought you should know, we take stewardship seriously and it is our goal to be a good stewards of your finances.**

THANK YOU!
8 Bathrooms Remodeled
(1911 & 1968)



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Jesus Loves All the Little Children

Children's Clothing Closet

The Children's Clothing Closet is dedicated to providing new or gently used clothing to the neighborhood children in need. Folks may shop every Wednesday from 10:15 to noon. We have clothes for newborns to sixth graders. Recently we have focused on increasing our inventory in sizes large and extra-large for both boys and girls. That remains a priority. New socks and underwear are required and always needed. We are so grateful for each and every donation. It makes a difference to God's children.

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We are a diverse neighborhood with 20 percent of African Americans, 20 percent Hispanics and 55 percent of Caucasians. We know Jesus loves all children. We are trying to follow HIS example. Our encouragement comes from verses like 2 Corinthians 5:17 When anyone is in Christ, it is a whole new world. The old things are gone, suddenly, everything is new! Offering a children's clothing closet helps the children know that they matter. That God can take the old in their lives and make it new, through Jesus Christ. Over-all, knowing Jesus-Christ loves them and so do we!



Lovingly Supporting the School Teachers

We understand that the children's clothing closet is an extension of loving-care for the **school teachers, serving only 2 blocks away.** An invitation was given for lunch and a visit to the clothing closet. We wanted them to know we have their backs. That the clothing pantry is a resource for them to use too, as they take care of their students and families in need. They were taken with how large and how nice the clothing closet is and that they got a large container of Clorox wipes, as a thank you for visiting us. We have had fun remembering the teachers each month with a small token of appreciation and encouragement. Valentine's Day was pure agape love, as we served lunch complete with a candy bar of candy bars.



CAN YOU HELP?

Saturday, August 27th - Team Meeting 10:00 am & Event from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. We are needing gently used fall & winter clothing for children. You could be a Good-Will, Salvation Army or other thrift shop shopper for us or you could donate the clothes your children or grandchildren have outgrown. If you would like to serve on the team, please arrive for the team meeting at 10:00 am for instructions and team prayer. We will be most grateful!

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There is hope!

New Heart Food Pantry Serving Saginaw County for 30 Years

What's happening now?



We are pleased that prices have gone down. In fact, they are back to pre-covid pricing. However, we know that this low-price lull is only temporary. Here's some examples of the current food bank market versus public grocery store market -

Peanut Butter 16 oz Food Bank .14 cents vs. Store \$2.42
Canned Fruit 15 oz Food Bank .16 cents vs. Store \$1.00
Canned Vegetables 14.5 oz Food Bank .14 cents vs. Store .88
Canned Soup 10.5 oz Food Bank .11 cents vs. Store \$1.82

These prices won't last long. We need your help!



We have learned so much about the food pantry market. In early fall of 2021 and into early winter, there was a great shift in higher food prices, small limits placed on food and greatly reduction inventory. It caused us to buy in the public marketplace. In other words, we were forced to look and purchase food from the general market, using grocery stores, by shopping for the best buys. We had a difficult time finding meat at the Michigan Food Bank. Sometimes, we were not able to offer meat at our food pantry, because of this.

We learned from other food pantries how they were handling these new food challenges, we then discovered that many food pantries closed in Saginaw for various reasons and that we were now the 2nd busiest food pantry in Saginaw County.

We need to move quickly! These food prices (see chart above) could move above the grocery store prices, again. We would like to stock up on these prices now, so we can meet the needs in the near future. Canned foods can be stored for over a year to over 2 years, plus some even longer.

If you can help, please mail your check to New Heart UMC c/o food pantry - 1802 West Michigan Ave - Saginaw, MI.

Questions? Bonnie Smith - New Heart Food Pantry Coordinator (810) 964-4131.

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Bicycle Ministry

Serving Children, Youth & Adults

Thursday, May 26th

3pm Team Meeting

4-6pm EVENT!



Why is this mission needed?



According to Mission Insite, 26.71 percent of households in a 5 mile radius of New Heart UMC do not own a car. Transportation is a challenge for many people in this area.

When the nearby Korgers grocery store closed, it was the talk of the town. The people in this area felt emotionally overwhelmed, as they considered how they would get to a grocery store. When Walmart announced that they would no longer offer their community bus to take them to their store, it was again the talk of this community, as it challenged them to find new ways to commute to places of need. Therefore, when winter is over, bikes are considered a desired primary mode of transportation for people of low income. For you and I bicycles are a leisure, relaxing and fun experience. However, for impoverished people, riding bicycles is a way of life that improves their quality of life.

The children, youth and adults in need are not asking for a new bike or a bike with a specific color or anything else a bike could offer, they just want a bike that is in working condition!

When Ed Hannum from Midland 1st U.M.C., heard of this great need, he refurbished and delivered bikes to New Heart Outreach for distribution. Even though these were used bikes, to these children they were priceless, as their smiles spoke volumes of their great appreciation!

In other communities, a used bike would be frowned upon, but here in Southwest Saginaw, a bicycle brings great joy and appreciation when you do not have one!

We appreciate Ed Hannum for saying "yes" to God's calling in refurbishing over 200 bikes. We are encouraged that Frankenmuth UMC adults and youth, under the leadership of Tom Welsh and Pastor Ryan, can offer community bike repair throughout the year. Youth groups in the UMC Central Bay District are encouraged to be trained in bicycle repair, along with the opportunity to build relationships with the children and youth in SW Saginaw, in Jesus' name! A community of care is established, through prayer and the word of God, upon the repair and giving of bicycles. The children and youth in the inner city of Saginaw are seeking to know the God of love, hope and joy!



Moving Forward in Ministry

Can you imagine a place...

WHERE youth in the City of Saginaw can connect with youth from UM churches for bike repair or replacement?

WHERE City of Saginaw youth from various ethnic backgrounds can know Christ as witnessed in word and deed by other youth.

WHERE relationships are developed in the name of Jesus, at a healthy hang-out place for neighborhood youth.

WHERE youth come from other youth groups in Michigan come to learn a trade in bicycle repair for people in need.

We need you! Please go to our YouTube channel @ *New Heart* and view our video called the *Bike Ministry Vision*. Please consider sharing it with your church!

Our hope is to start building a community bicycle repair shop in 2022.

Any financial gifts are greatly appreciated. We are excited about the spiritual impact for Christ through bicycles. They think they are just getting a bike but most importantly we are giving them Jesus!

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

With Hopeful Expectation,

Pastor Melene Wilsey

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“let us not love in
word or talk but in
deed and in truth.
1 John 3:18

