



MICHIGAN REGION News and Notes

May - June 2019

Upcoming Events

June 10-14 ~ Brown City
Camp Work Fellowship

June 17-21 ~ Brown City
Happy Time Camp

June 22 ~ Port Huron
Field USA Level 1
Training at Colonial
Woods Missionary
Church

July 8-11 ~ Fort Wayne
Shift National Conference

July 21-27 ~ Mancelona
Family Camp

Aug. 1-11 ~ Brown City
Family Camp

Sept. 30 - Oct. 1
Awakening Prayer Event

Oct. 14-16 ~ Mancelona
Ministers' Retreat at
AuSable Institute

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THANK YOU, JIM & BRENDA!

The Michigan Region of the Missionary Church honored Rev. Jim and Brenda Keller for their 29 years of faithful service in the Region with a recognition program and reception during Regional Conference April 30 in Davison.

Jim began his ministry for the Michigan District at the Burton Office in 1990 as the Church Planting Director. In 1999, he was elected District Superintendent, a role he filled until 2011, when the District became a Region and Jim was selected Regional Director. Jim completes his final term June 30. During his tenure, Jim oversaw many church planting and disciple-making projects, provided leadership for the Region's family camps, guided the development of three mission districts/networks, led numerous boards, committees and ministry teams, and tirelessly ministered to churches and pastors.

At Regional Conference, Michigan pastors and delegates expressed their appreciation through a tribute video, special testimonials and the presentation of gifts and cards.



Missionary Church Investment Foundation

Following the action of the special Regional Conference Feb. 23, Michigan Missionary Loans and Investments will be closed this year. However, many types of investment opportunities exist for churches and their members through the Missionary Church Investment Foundation. For more details, contact the Regional Office.

Colonial Woods, Port Huron, held their annual ladies gathering April 27 and praises God for an excellent turnout. (Rev. Phil Whetstone)

Cass City congratulates associate pastor Joel (Ruth) Schwendinger who will be ordained May. 19. (Dr. Phil Burkett)

Davison saw over 400 in attendance on Easter Sunday as the church celebrated Christ's resurrection and rededicated their facilities following the repairs from water damage in January. (Rev. Doug Connelly)

Dayton Heights, Flint, gives thanks to the Lord for several decisions for Christ made during revival meetings April 28 - May 1. (Rev. Don Frey, interim)

Evident, Chesterfield, has begun offering three Sunday morning services to accommodate growth. (Rev. Josh Hossler)

Fellowship Bible, Brown City, had 175 children participate in their Easter Egg Hunt at the church. (Rev. David Engle)

Kalamazoo expresses their appreciation to Rev. Ken Smeader who concludes his ministry at the church in June.

Lighthouse, East Jordan, thanks their senior Pastor, Rev. Jim (Ruby) Jordan, for 21 years of faithful ministry at the church. A farewell service is planned for May 5.

Orchards, Romeo, will celebrate the ordinations of pastors Dale and Geri Rinke May 5 at the church. (Rev. Jeff Hossler)

Son's Life, Sebawaing, praises God for a recent salvation decision. (Rev. Brian Reinhardt)

Trinity, Yale, baptized three believers April 28. (Rev. Phil Whipple)

Watertown, Sandusky, congratulates their pastor, Paul Melcher, who was united in matrimony with Deborah Leach April 27.



Paul and Deb Melcher

CHURCHES IN TRANSITION

Continue to pray for the following churches who are seeking pastors:

- Faith, Flint (associate)
- Kalamazoo (senior pastor)
- Marquette (senior pastor)
- New Faith Chapel, Romulus (youth pastor)
- Parkside, Sterling Heights (senior pastor)
- Yo Soy, Kalamazoo (senior pastor)

May the Lord provide the pastoral leadership needed for each congregation.



OUR VISION

"Every Church mobilizing believers to intentionally lead people to Christ and make disciple-makers."

Vision Impact - On Point

- Every believer a Spirit-empowered follower of Christ
- Every follower of Christ a disciple-maker
- Every church a disciple-making, church planting church