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UPCOMING EVENTS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPT. 10, 2018 – BHSM – 6 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING

UNION MEMORIAL AME
OCTOBER 8, 2018 - 6 PM

BHSM

PASTORS PRAYER

BHSM 9:00 A.M.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN.

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BENTON HARBOR STREET MINISTRY - CELEBRATING BACK TO SCHOOL!!

Benton Harbor Street Ministry held its 15th year “Back To School Celebration” on Saturday, August 23, 2018. We have realized how important it is to provide children with supplies. Over 60 families attended the event and youth received back packs. We were blessed to have Kristen and Tod Kaspar from Harbert Community Church popping popcorn. The Youth who prepared snow cones were Samiah Williams, Akira Smith, Katelynn McNutt. Stephanie Hester and Da’Curtis were on hand to make cotton candy. Youth who served in the kitchen were Deon Robinson and Javon Anthony who did an outstanding job serving families. Sharon Hester, Tonette Hester distributed the book bags to youth. Carolyn Yoder and Elizabeth Pargo greeted the families when they registered. As time came to an end, my youth cleaned the kitchen, vacuumed the building and put everything in its prospective place. It is totally amazing to see youth work together to serve and participate in the Back to School Celebration.

Romans 8:24-25 – For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

Over the last year the Voice. Change. Hope. Alliance (VCH) has been dedicated toward developing a center to help navigate people through recovery services. Navigation is the first LARGE hurdle for people seeking recovery and two expert facilities within Michigan were used as the best practice models for our Engagement Center (Home of New Vision and Summit Pointe). The local supportive center has been dreamt of for three years, and it is becoming a reality! We have partnered with Community Healing Center to bring to life “Carol’s

Hope....The Start of Recovery”. The center is named after Mrs. Carol Stockman, our crusader,

who is determined to stop the hurt of losing loved ones to addiction for other families. Carol’s Hope is located at 4032 M-139 in Royalton Township in the Pater True Value complex. Collaboration with Dial-A-Ride, law enforcement, recovery treatment resources, Berrien County Health Department, and Lakeland Health is the cornerstone for exceptional support. Construction is planned, hiring and training are being scheduled, and monetary donations are being accepted to open the center as soon as possible. All donations are tax exempt and can be made on Community Healing Centers website or mailed into Community Healing Centers, 2615 Stadium Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008 with a notation of “Carol’s Hope” on either payment method.

VCH continues to educate the communities about addictions and opioids. Among many, we were successful in collaborating on two large conferences held at Lake Michigan College and Southwest Michigan College for the tri-county area. We continue to host Narcan trainings partnered with Families Against Narcotics and update our website with helpful resources and articles. We worked with Lakeland Health for a drive-thru Drug Take Back event, and have another scheduled for October 27th at Center for Outpatient Care on Hollywood Road, St. Joseph from 10 am to 1 pm. Keep your eyes open for a wish list of items for Carol’s Hope, fundraising events, educational seminars, and a grand opening of the center.

CHOIR ROBES, CHANCEL STOLES, BELL CHOIR STOLES

The First Congregational Church of St. Joseph has adult robes: 35 choir robes – dark red, 16 bell choir robes – dark red with cuffs, 2 robes with stand collar, no cuff – white 7 choir robes – blue. Chancel Choir Stoles - 8 multi colored of green black, purple stripes, reverse to burnt orange, 50 green reverse to purple, and 36 dark red reverse to white stoles. Bell Choir stoles - 15 white with dark red embroidered bells reverse to soft gold, 4 like above white reverse to soft gold and 1 long stole white reverse to pale blue. For more information, please call the church office 269-983-5519 or Barbara Callendar, 269-487-6036. A donation will be accepted for robes, stoles.

CHURCH FURNITUE

The Oronoko United Methodist Church in rural Buchanan recently closed its doors and merged with the Hinchman UMC. We have available for FREE to a church the lectern/pulpit and altar furniture pieces. Please call Hinchman UMC 269-471-5492 for more information. All pieces can be transported in a SUV or van.

