

MICHIGAN REGION OF THE MISSIONARY CHURCH



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

John 1:1-4

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from

The Michigan Region of the Missionary Church

As 2020 comes to a close, I don't suppose many of us will be too sorry to say farewell to it. It certainly has been an unusual year for all of us as we have dealt with COVID – 19 and all the ramifications thereof. None of us would have imagined a year ago that we would be wearing face masks and dealing with a global pandemic. That anxiety has been compounded by the political unrest, rioting and an unsettling election season. Are we having fun yet?

As your Regional Office staff, we have dealt with Jim's heart attack and ongoing health issues while the doctors have been trying to unblock the second artery. We are so thankful that God spared Jim's life and that he has done so well while undergoing these three heart catheterizations over the past four months. Thank you for your continued prayers on his behalf as he awaits the final procedure in mid-December.

August also saw the sudden passing of Walt McLavy, father-in-law of our bookkeeper Janet McLavy. Walt was well-known for his many years of

service as the chairman of the Brown City Camp Board and he is missed by many friends and family alike.

In all this, our hope stands firm in our Savior Jesus Christ. If we look at the world around us and all that is uncertain in the situation that 2020 has thrown our way we could be on shaky ground but, praise the Lord, we know the God of creation, the Light of Bethlehem and the Savior of Calvary! He is sure to see us through the darkest night and has promised not to leave us or forsake us! So...we stand firm on solid ground!



As we celebrate Christmas this year, may we all be reminded of **the great joy** that the angels announced to the shepherds that first Christmas when they brought them the news that a Savior had been born. Let's celebrate the Savior!

For His Name's Sake,

Jim & Ruby, Al & Kim, and Janet

Looking Forward

2021

- ReGen '21 – April 27, Elkton Missionary Church
- Brown City Camp Work Fellowship – June 14-18
- Brown City Kidz Camp – June 21-26
- Shift General Conference – July 12-15
- Mancelona Family Camp – July 19-24
- Brown City Family Camp – July 29 – August 8
- Ministers' Retreat – October 8-10 AuSable Institute, Mancelona



Regional Office Staff



Janet McLavy – Bookkeeper,
Jim Jordan - Regional Director,
Kim Yerke – Office Manager,
Al Yerke – Ministries Coordinator