

May 16, 2017 **KIWASSEE**
Chair: Fred Honerkamp

SMOKE SIGNALS
Invocation: Brian Goodwill

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CALENDAR

- May 20:** Midland Blooms, Sugnet & Eastman, 8:30 a.m. (Diane Stevens and Martha Briggs)
May 18: Flag inventory, Washington St. storage unit, 1:00 (Jim Young)
May 20: Historical Society program, Midland Cemetery, 9:30 a.m. to install 25 flags (Jim Young)
May 23: Golf Outing Committee Meeting, 11 a.m. (Betsy Sullivan)
May 24: Aktion Club, Midland Public Schools Admin. Bldg., 5:30 p.m. (Martha Briggs)
June 27: Kiwassee picnic at Emerson Park (5 p.m.)
July 17: Kiwassee Kiwanis For Kids Golf Outing (Betsy Sullivan and Porter Brown)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs: Aktion Club meets May 24. Aktion Club is a Kiwanis-sponsored service leadership program for adults with disabilities. Members participate in service projects and collect a variety of items that help many area and global organizations.

Mike Cronenberger: Please note the businesses and organizations you've contacted about sponsoring the flag program. The information will be used to create a data base of sponsors.

Jim Morgan: Last week's Pig Auction netted \$475—WOW!

Doug Snoddy: Senior Youth Committee meets after today's meeting. Many thanks for the prayers and thoughts for Doug's son-in-law, whose kidney function has improved to 30-40% as he recovers from a life-threatening strep infection.

Diane Stevens: Sign up to plant petunias for Midland Blooms this Saturday (see announcement for details). Volunteers can arrive at 8:30 (or earlier); plan to attend breakfast at Colonial Villa afterward.

Betsy Sullivan: The Golf Outing Committee will meet at 11 a.m. next Tuesday (May 23).

Jim Young: We can accept flag sponsorships right up to the last minute; turn in residential customers' forms and money today. Help with the flag inventory this Thursday at the storage unit (5/18—see announcement). And help install 25 flags at the Midland Cemetery to enhance Carol Rumba's special program for the Historical Society (Saturday 5/20—see announcement).

Fred Honerkamp: Since July 4 is a Tuesday this year, there will be no noon meeting that day. Heather McLaughlin is no longer a Kiwassee member.

Guests: Former Kiwassee member Bruce Vickey joined us today, as did soon-to-be-member Mary Jane Myers. In addition, several local pastors introduced themselves: John Johnson of First Assembly of God; Wally Mayton of Memorial Presbyterian; Danielle Shealy of Trinity Lutheran; Michael Sawicki of Aldersgate United Methodist; and Jeff Maxwell, Jung Eun Yum, Leonard Clevenger, all of First United Methodist. Welcome to our Pastor Appreciation Day!

Membership News: Former member Jim Rajewski is 100% cancer-free after his recent prostate surgery!

PROGRAM: Human and Spiritual Values—ROCK THE ISLAND

John Johnson has worked with youth for many years. He is currently the director of Rock the Island, an annual Christian event that will take place this year July 22 from noon to 8 p.m., on Ojibway Island in Saginaw. Rock the Island is more than the concert that will feature Newsboys, Love and the Outcome, and Tedashii. The day-long extravaganza has activities for people and families of all ages, including activities teens, tweens, and youngsters will enjoy--inflatables, disc golf, rock climbing, art projects, and more; service opportunities such as weaving mats for the homeless, donating blood to raise funds for the in-school program Rock the Schools, and writing messages to members of the military. There will also be various opportunities for prayer, praise and petition, both individual and collective. Twenty-eight non-profit agencies will be on site for education and outreach.

Rock the Island grew out of the concern a men's Bible study group in Saginaw had for the youth in the area. Organizers have expanded their work with Rock the Schools, a program for middle and high school students. The secular assemblies focus on issues that face today's tweens and teens, including suicide, drugs, alcohol, and human trafficking.

For more information, go to www.rocktheisland.net.