



Battle Creek Rotary Club Newsletter: The RotoScoop Week of October 18, 2021

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Washington Heights United Methodist Church & Community Pastor Monique French



Washington Heights United Ministry Church was established in 1909 in Battle Creek's northwest area. In its prime it claimed thousands of members. Hard times over the past 25 years dwindled

that number down to a handful by the time Paster French was hired. Now known as Washington Heights United Methodist Church & Community "Hub of Hope", Pastor French brought a new vision to the church and neighborhood.

Church Motto: "Uplifting people through the dignity of discovered purpose—one life, one community, one city at a time."

Church Mission" "Create pathways to discover and fulfill ones' life purpose and provide kingdom-building opportunities through community involvement.

Among the initiatives ongoing at the church are:

- Partnering with the RISE Corporation in addressing food insecurities, providing food to over 300 families each week. Providing a structured safe environment for virtual learning for middle to high school-aged students.
- Partnered with the Calhoun County Health Department to host a micro-vaccination clinic where 198 seniors were able to receive their shots.
- Providing innovative electronic pets and assistive technology (in the form of Tablets and Echo Shows) to reduce social isolation among seniors, vulnerable populations, and those with disabilities.
- Hosting a computer lab providing needed access to technology and the internet
- Providing hot healthy meals to volunteers and those who are homeless.
- Developing an outdoor fitness center and walking path around church property.
- Worked with Middle School aged girls in the Beautiful U project to boost self-esteem.
- Opened the Education Café' providing Health and Wellness education to the community.



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Our plan is to continue to utilize the grounds of the church to the fullest capacity providing a variety of programs and services that help people develop and better their lives. Our ministries define the essence of who we are.

For more information go to www.washingtonheightsumc.org Donations are always welcome.

Announcements

Volunteer Opportunities

Charitable Union Coat Drive: Thursday and Friday, October 21 and 22nd from 10 am to 5 pm. Contact Teresa@CharitableUnion.org to sign up for a shift. This is a new setup for distribution due to Covid 19 precautions.

Share Center Outside Clean up , Saturday October 23, 2021 from 10-12 noon. Contact jillandersongrants@gmail.com

Membership Minute: Bring a friend to lunch. No pressure!

Interested in serving on the BC Rotary Club Board or on a committee? We are in the process of drawing up the ballot for our next election so contact President Tom (t.ebeling@att.net) or Secretary Rita McPhail (rita@rita@mcphail.com) and let us know.

We are now meeting in person at the Kool Center as we did before the pandemic. We will continue to provide a Zoom link up to members as long as it is needed. We use the same Zoom link and password for every meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting at:

<https://zoom.us/j/93233115265> Meeting ID: 932 3311 5265 Passcode: 049691

Upcoming Programs and Events

10/25/2021 Battle Creek Economic Development

John Hart

11/1/2021 District Governor Visit

Rita LaMoreaux

11/8/2021 GVSU BCPS partnership

Al Shifflet, GVSU

Contact Karla Fales if you have any ideas: KFales@carewellservices.org