

Heritage District Day  
**September 13, 2025**  
**“Living into the Vision”**

With Bishop David Bard

Then the LORD answered me and said, write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet  
so that a runner can read it. There is still a vision for the appointed time; it  
testifies to the end; it does not deceive.  
If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late.

Gathering

Hymn sing in the Sanctuary (United Methodist Hymnal)

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| <i>To God be the Glory</i>         | <i>pg. 98</i>  |
| <i>Blessed Assurance</i>           | <i>pg. 369</i> |
| <i>Standing on the Promises</i>    | <i>pg. 374</i> |
| <i>Let There be Peace on Earth</i> | <i>pg. 431</i> |

Welcome

|                                    |                                     |                |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Prayer of St. Francis              | Torrie Meunier                      | pg.481 UMH     |
| Winter workshops information       | Matt West, Missy Noll, John Messner |                |
| Haiti Gardens of Hope presentation |                                     | Tiffany Newsom |

Litany

God sows seeds of vision in the hearts of all the people

**May our hearts be good soil where the seed will grow**

God inspires and affirms the vision – What is God’s dream for you?

**May we listen well to God, to one another, and to those we have been sent to serve. May we  
live into the vision as God’s love takes root in our hearts.**

Introduction of Speaker

District Superintendent LuAnn Rourke

Hymn *They’ll Know we are Christians by our Love*

*pg. 2223 TFWS*

MESSAGE

“Living Into the Vision: Wesleyan Vitality”

Scripture: Habakuk 2:2, Philippians 2:12-13

Bishop David Bard

**Call to order the District Conference**

LuAnn Rourke

- Announce recording secretary
- Nominations report and approval
- Budget report and approval
- LSM report and invitation
- Church Conference Goal Setting information

Rick Gorham

Dennis Just

Colleen Croxall

LuAnn Rourke

Adjourn to Fellowship Time

Depart

# Save the Dates!

## Heritage District

## Winter Training Dates

February 21, 2026 (Howell UMC)

AND

March 7, 2026 (Adrian UMC)

From 8:00am until 2:00pm

Look for more information coming soon

Training is FREE – No Charge!

## Come Join the Fun

## **Voting Items for Heritage District Conference 2025**

### **2025/2026 Heritage District Leadership Nominations**

**Leadership Team:** Meets every other month (August, October, December, February, April, June). Plans district sponsored events; approves budget and unbudgeted financial expenditures, grant and loan requests; casts vision for task groups working within the district structure; sets goals and strategies for district.

#### **Class of 2025**

Brad Luck  
Gerry Conti

#### **Class of 2026**

Matt West  
Missy Noll

#### **Class of 2027**

John Messner

#### **Ex officio with voice and vote:**

Lay Leader Rick Gorham  
Lay Servant Ministries Colleen Croxall  
Treasurer Susan Henry  
Finance Chair Dennis Just  
Disaster Recovery Coordinator: Kayla Roosa and Bob Miller

**Nominations:** Rick Gorham (lay leader)

**District Committee on Ordained Ministry:** Meets four times per year (November, January, April, September) with additional meetings as needed. Serves as an extension of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to support, examine, and recommend candidates for licensed or ordained ministry. Members nominated by District Superintendent.

Chair: Amy Triebwasser  
Registrar: Sue Platt

Jonathan Reynolds  
Pat Brook  
Anne-Lissa Gray-Lion

Nancy Lynn  
Judy Entenman  
Alice Ford

Dillon Burns  
Rick Gorham  
Adam Bissell

**District Superintendency Committee:** Meets annually to support the work of the District Superintendent, specifically to advocate for budget support services, advise the DS of any concerns; to maintain an advisory relationship with the bishop as needed.

#### **Class of 2025**

Robert Miller – Chair  
Vicki Engelbert

#### **Class of 2026**

Deb Thomas  
Brad Luck

#### **Class of 2027**

Wendy Everett  
James Rutherford

Ex Officio: Lay Leader – Rick Gorham

**District Committee on Church Location and Building:** Meets as needed to consider requests for acquiring or selling property, advise congregations considering building projects, assist in the processes around church closures.

**Chair:** Larry Embury  
Lay Leader: Rick Gorham

#### **Class of 2026**

Rob Long  
Mary McInnes

#### **Class of 2027**

Susan Hitts  
Dennis Drobeck

**Grants and Finance Team:** Meets every other month. Responsibilities include consideration of requests for grants and loans, working with district treasurer to manage investments and bank accounts, preparing a proposed budget for approval by the leadership team and presentation to district annual conference.

**Chair:** Dennis Just  
**Lay Leader:** Rick Gorham  
**Leadership Team Chair:** Brad Luck  
**Treasurer:** Susan Henry

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| <b>Class of 2025</b> | <b>Class of 2026</b> |
| Robert Miller        | Mary McInnes         |
|                      | Vicky Engelbert      |

**Vibrancy Team:** Serves as a resource to support local church leaders who are thinking about doing new things in new places to reach new people.

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| <b>Chair:</b> Matt West |                      |
| <b>Class of 2025</b>    | <b>Class of 2026</b> |
| Jenaba Waggy            | Michael Vollmer      |

**Lay Servant Ministries Team: Meets** quarterly to plan and supervise the lay servant ministries program within the district; to interview and assist those wishing to become certified lay speakers and certified lay ministers.

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|---|------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Co-Directors: Anne Marie Hanna, Colleen Croxall |                  | Lay Leader: Rick Gorham |              |
| Christopher Butson                              | Michelle McCalla | Lora Crombez            | Carol Gorham |
| Judy Herald                                     | Marianne McMunn  | Robert Miller           | Melissa Noll |
| Penny Nunn                                      |                  |                         |              |

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# 2026 Heritage District Budget Overview

| Account                       | 2026 Budget | \$        | 100,000.00 | Paid to date | % of total | Previous Year | Change |           |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------|-----------|---------|
| <b>4000-Income</b>            |             |           |            |              |            |               |        |           |         |
| 4001-Ministry Shares          | \$          | 60,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 60,000.00 | 0%      |
| 4002-Interest Earned          | \$          | 40,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 48,000.00 | -17%    |
| 4003-Church Closings          |             |           |            | \$           | -          | #DIV/0!       | \$     | -         | #DIV/0! |
| 4004-Gifts & Grants           |             |           |            | \$           | -          | #DIV/0!       | \$     | -         | #DIV/0! |
| <b>5000-Employee Salaries</b> |             |           |            |              |            |               |        |           |         |
| 5001-Treasurer                | \$          | 8,736.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 8,736.00  | 0%      |
| 5002-Web Site                 | \$          | 7,800.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 7,800.00  | 0%      |
| 5003-Taxes                    | \$          | 1,265.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 1,265.00  | 0%      |
| 5004- Insurance               | \$          | 3,000.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 3,600.00  | -17%    |
| <b>5100-Expenses</b>          |             |           |            |              |            |               |        |           |         |
| 5101-HD Grants                | \$          | 20,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 30,000.00 | -33%    |
| 5102-Connectional Grants      | \$          | 20,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 20,000.00 | 0%      |
| 5103-District Programs        | \$          | 3,500.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 5,000.00  | -30%    |
| 5104-Lay Servant Ministries   | \$          | 3,500.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 3,500.00  | 0%      |
| 5105-Bank Fees                | \$          | 100.00    |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 100.00    | 0%      |
| 5106-Leadership Training      | \$          | 2,000.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 2,000.00  | 0%      |
| 5107-Office Supplies          | \$          | 1,500.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 3,000.00  | -50%    |
| 5108-Software                 | \$          | 2,300.00  |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 2,300.00  | 0%      |
| 5109-Meals & Entertainment    | \$          | 500.00    |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 500.00    | 0%      |
| 5110-Financial Assistance     | \$          | 25,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 20,000.00 | 25%     |
| 5111-Other Business Expenses  | \$          | 500.00    |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 500.00    | 0%      |
| 5112-MSU Wesley FD            | \$          | 10,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 10,000.00 | 0%      |
| 5113-U of M Wesley FD         | \$          | 10,000.00 |            | \$           | -          | 0%            | \$     | 10,000.00 | 0%      |

|               |    |            |                |                    |   |
|---------------|----|------------|----------------|--------------------|---|
|               |    |            | Budget Balance | Total Paid To Date |   |
| Expense Total | \$ | 119,701.00 | \$             | (19,701.00)        |   |
|               |    |            |                | \$                 | - |

**Heritage District  
2025-2026 ZONES**

**Zone 1**

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Bath / Gunnisonville (charge)  
Charlotte Lawrence Ave  
Dewitt: Redeemer  
East Lansing People's  
East Lansing University  
Grand Ledge & Delta Mills (circuit)  
Gresham  
Holt  
Kalamo & Sunfield (circuit)  
Lansing Central  
Lansing Grace  
Sycamore Creek Eastwood/Potterville/So.Lansing  
Wacousta Community

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**Zone 2**

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Eaton Rapids / Pope (cooperative parish)  
Jackson Brkside/Trinity/Calvary (charge)  
Jackson First  
Mason  
Millville / Leslie/Felt Plains (charge)  
Munith / Stockbridge (charge)  
Okemos Community  
Robbins / Brookfield Eaton (charge)  
Webberville & Livingston Circuit:Plainfield/Fowlerville Trinity  
Williamston

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**Zone 3**

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Brighton First / Whitmore Lk (charge)  
Dixboro  
Fowlerville / Bancroft / Morrice (charge)  
Howell  
Hartland & Oak Grove (circuit)  
Milford  
North Lake  
Pinckney Arise  
Plymouth First  
Salem Grove / Waterloo Village (charge)  
South Lyon

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**Zone 4**

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Camden / Montgmy / St. Chpl (charge)  
Frontier  
Grass Lake  
Hillsdale  
Hillside / Somerset Center (charge)  
Hudson/Clayton / Rollin Center (charge)  
Jonesville  
Napoleon  
Reading

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**Zone 5**

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Ann Arbor First  
AA Living Grace Ministries  
Ann Arbor Korean  
Ann Arbor West Side  
Chelsea  
Clinton & Springville (circuit)  
Lincoln Community & Willow (circuit)  
Manchester First  
Saline First  
Stony Creek & Macon (circuit)  
Ypsilanti First  
Ypsi St. Matts & Canton Cherry Hill (circuit)

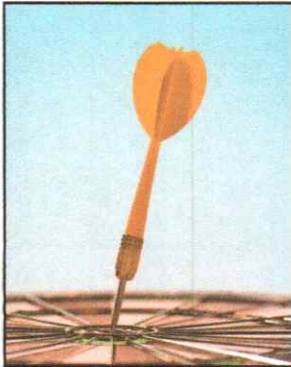
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**Zone 6**

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Adrian First  
Blissfield 1 & Petersburg (circuit)  
Blissfield Emmanuel  
Britton Grace  
Dundee  
Ida  
London  
Milan & Azalia (circuit)  
Morenci  
Tecumseh  
Wellsville / Deerfield (charge)

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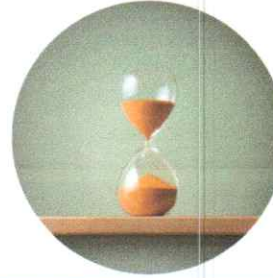


### Goal setting

- What do you want to accomplish?
- What change are you working toward?

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### Be specific



- What is our strategy?
- What is the time frame?
- Who is responsible?
- What resources are allotted to this?
- When will we check in with benchmarks?

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### Strategy

- How will you make progress toward your goal?
- What are the markers of movement in a positive direction?

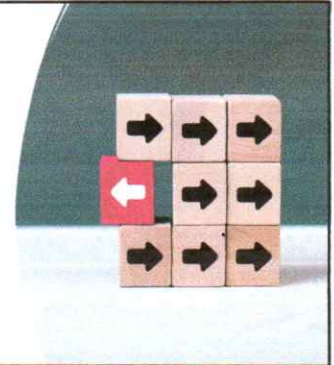


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### Benchmarks

Joshua 4:1-8

- Measure progress toward your goal
- Way-markers that identify movement in a positive direction



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### Follow up

Have we accomplished our goal?

What went right?

What can we celebrate?

What went wrong?

What needs to be done differently next time?

What's the next step?

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## Community Builders

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| Turn off your TV                   | Ask a question   |
| Leave the House                    | Hire young people to do odd jobs   |
| Greet people                       | Organize a block party   |
| Look up when you are walking       | Bake extra and share   |
| Sit on your porch                  | Ask for help when you need it  |
| Use the Library                    | Open your shades   |
| Buy from Local Merchants           | Sing together  |
| Play together                      | Share your skills  |
| Share what you have                | Take back the night  |
| Support Neighborhood Schools       | Turn up the music  |
| Fix it even if you didn't break it | Turn down the music  |
| Honor elders                       | Listen before you react to anger   |
| Host a potluck                     | Mediate a conflict   |
| Garden together                    | Seek to understand   |
| Pick up litter                     | Learn from new and uncomfortable angles                                    |
| Read stories out loud              | Know that no one is silent though many are not heard. Work to change this. |
| Dance in the street                |  |
| Talk to the mail carrier           |  |
| Listen to the birds                |  |
| Put up a swing                     |  |
| Help carry something heavy         |  |
| Barter for your goods              |  |
| Start a tradition                  |  |