



Town Supervisor's Update

Supervisor Todd Campbell

Welcome to Fall! This season is a busy one for the Town Board as we work on the 2025 budget and assess where we are so far with our 2024 budget. The revaluation process last year had a significant impact on our budget; and, as always, we will continue to look for ways to improve our operations and spend wisely. Please attend any of our Town Board meetings if you have specific requests or topics, you would like us to evaluate. (Check the Town website www.townofwestbloomfield.org for dates and times). One of our most significant sources of revenue is the sales tax distribution from Ontario County, and while we have seen a minor increase this year, we need to plan for a “normal” distribution next year, so we are not caught short. Shopping local and in Ontario County does have an impact—so please do so when you can. We have also encountered delivery issues with equipment, so even when we plan for a one budget year, equipment is not always available in that budget year. This increases the complexity of the budgeting process.

We will again be working to stay within the allowable tax cap rate set by Albany, while ensuring that we provide the services that our residents need. We have completed one of our two American Rescue Plan projects this summer—the paving of our parking lot at the Town Hall, and we anticipate contracting for the playground area in Prouty Park this fall.

Town Board Meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 7:00 PM. Thank you to those who have attended our Town Board meetings over the last couple of months—your feedback is important to me and the Board as we work on the Town’s business—and if you have not been to a meeting in a while, please consider attending some Wednesday evening.

Remember, we are always looking for residents to assist us on our Boards and for potential committees. We are also looking for a new Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk—please submit a resume if you are interested. The Town has over 20 residents who serve on the Planning and Zoning Boards, the CPIC and the Assessment Review Board. Thank you to all of you that serve now or have served in the past!!

Town Website www.townofwestbloomfield.org : Please take some time to review the website. We are always updating it with information about activities in our area in the calendar section. We also have a posting about the County’s hazardous materials/electronics recycling/shredding/tire events.

My door is open when I am in the office—stop in and visit if you have the chance. I can be reached at my office (585) 624-2461, via e-mail tcampbell@townofwestbloomfield.org, and also on Twitter and Facebook.

Town Clerk's Office -Brenda Thompson

Tax Reminders & Information

Detailed information on how and where to pay your taxes can be found on your tax bill. Town and County taxes are due in January and are collected at the Town Clerk's Office (9097 Daylight Drive, West Bloomfield, NY). During the month of **January**, Canandaigua National Bank locations will accept **full** payments only. The Statutory deadline for the County to deliver the warrant is December 31st. The Warrant grants the Collecting Officer the authority to collect taxes, w/o the Warrant the collecting officer cannot accept taxes.

State Law

According to the Real Property Tax Law §922, the failure to mail a tax bill or the failure of a property owner to receive a tax bill will not affect the validity of the taxes or interest prescribed by law. Also, we are not legally allowed to change or rescind penalties, Real Property Tax Law §924.

Payment Information

Please make sure your check is made out correctly, including pay to, date, and written and numerical amounts (these must match). Any checks incorrectly made out will be returned and may be subject to a penalty if received by the tax receiver after the penalty free period. We do not accept postdated checks; they will be returned and may be subject to penalties. If payment is made by mail, the United States Postal Service postmark (not a postage meter mark) is used as the payment date (RPTL §925). If there is no postmark, the date received will be used as the payment date.

For your convenience, there is a **secure** drop box located at the Town Hall. Payments by **check** may be placed in the drop box. The drop box is checked daily by 9:00 A.M. on regular Town Clerk business days. Payments collected will be considered received on the prior business day. The Town of West Bloomfield now accepts credit cards for municipal payments, including tax payments. Fees will apply.

In person or by mail:

As stated on the tax bill, please return **the entire bill** with your payment to receive a receipt, to:
Town of West Bloomfield - Brenda Thompson – Tax Collector
PO Box 87
West Bloomfield, NY 14585

General Information

Upon payment of the taxes by the bank or mortgage company, the receipt is mailed directly to the homeowner within two to three weeks.

If you are responsible for paying the property taxes and have not received your town / county tax bill by mid-January, please contact the Tax Office (585-624-2914) immediately.

If you receive a bill in error (example: you no longer own the property) please notify and return the bill to the Tax Receiver's Office.

Town Hall Information – www.townofwestbloomfield.org

Tax Collection & Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
8:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:00pm – 6:00pm	8:30am – 12:00pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm		

Closed

Thanksgiving - November 28, 2024
Christmas—December 24 thru December 31, 2024
New Years Day – January 1, 2025
Martin Luther King Day – January 20, 2025



WEST BLOOMFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Suzanne Washburn

Didn't know if we could achieve it, but our 2024 Community Yard Sale yielded nearly \$6,000 in funds to support WBHS in the coming year. Leftover items were given to three charities and two churches. Heartfelt thanks to all involved and to our generous cash donors and corporate supporters (Wegmans and Dependable Disposal). To those who donated items to sell – you made the sale happen and we thank you! And to our dedicated volunteers – we could not have done this without each of you: the sorters and pricers who worked through hundreds of donations ... our Ebay and special item sellers (who are still at work) ... the vendor coordinator, tent crew, and all who moved and carted items, set up the sale, and tore it down ... and this year's cashiers and museum watchers, who gave excellent customer service with no complaints. Special thanks to the first-time volunteers, non-members, and teens who came forward and worked so hard. **(Teens Colin and Luke were amazing, along with Emma, who gave all her food-cart tips to the Society!)**

As you can see, it takes many hands to pull off an event as large as our annual sale. Once again, West Bloomfield has demonstrated the true meaning of “community.”

COMING UP -- Sunday, Oct. 20th, from 1-4 PM: Public Open House at the Society, 8966 Rt. 5 & 20 – Browse our exhibits about West Bloomfield's past, take a walk out back to the historic Rural Cemetery, or join in a fun “Hands-On-Drumming” session for kids and families with Bill Cahn. (Town residents Bill and Ruth are internationally known percussionists who love teaching!)

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR WBHS MEMBERS: Tuesday, October 1st at 6 PM – Supper, Annual Meeting, and Election, and **Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7 PM –** Holiday Party for members and guests

VIRTUAL MUSEUM: Some time in 2025 passers-by will be able to stop at the Town Highway Garage parking lot, point their cell phones at the blue historical marker near the Pioneer Cemetery, and learn about the historic figures buried on the grounds. The marker was provided by the Sons of the American Revolution & Pomeroy Foundation, and the Virtual Museum is a area-wide project of the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection. Town Historian Mike Borgeest and Society Collection Manager Lorraine Frelie are our representatives on the project.

LIKE UNCLE SAM, WE WANT YOU! Our Historical Society members are a very welcoming group and will make few demands on your time. Join WBHS in Fall 2024 and receive a 2025 membership at no charge. New residents and high school seniors always receive their first-year memberships free. Find full details and a simple, printable application at our website - wbhsny.org, at the Town Hall, or call Mary at 585-657-7722.

Website: wbhsny.org Facebook: West Bloomfield Historical Society New York

Highway Superintendent

Jeff Ball

Summer is over and preparations for winter work are in progress. This work includes installing plow equipment on the trucks, putting up snow fences, filling the salt barn and checking plow routes. Residents can prepare for plow season as well by moving personal items away from the road that might get damaged, repairing weak or damaged mailbox posts and generally just considering that our large trucks will soon be pushing snow out of the roads. I've mentioned it before but it's worth mentioning again that we repair mailboxes that we hit but not those that fall over due to owner's neglect. If you have questions about proper replacement I have written instructions here in my office.

Also, as a reminder, it's illegal to push snow into or across the road. This includes shovels, and snow blowers. Please push snow back onto your own property to keep your neighbors safe.

One of the hot topics in NY is "salt reduction" NYS is offering grant opportunities to assist municipalities in purchasing salt reduction equipment. The program is called the "Water Quality Improvement Program." There are several methods to achieve this, and our department will be deploying some of them this year. First, is the use of segmented plow blades. These employ many smaller spring activated blades rather than one fixed blade.

As a result the blades can conform to the road surface and clean snow and ice more efficiently. The second is "mini weather stations." These weather stations will be pole mounted in several locations around town to monitor air and surface temperature and humidity every minute to create location specific forecast. The weather stations have cameras that allow us to view road conditions remotely via a phone app. This will reduce driving time for the night crew as well. In the summer these can be moved to areas where flooding occurs and help us monitor that as well.

If you've been to the town hall lately you've noticed the new asphalt parking lot. The crew did a great job and it's nice to have this beautiful and safe addition to our new town hall.

We continue to plan and design the new playground. It's our hope to have the planning phase finished soon and move forward with this exciting addition to Prouty Park. No dates are set yet for completion but we should know more in the next newsletter.

We have one of the highest deer densities in the state and since the breeding season is now in full swing the bucks and doe are running everywhere including across the roads. Please slow down and be watchful. Your car will appreciate it!

As always, I'm here to answer questions. Please email me at highwaysuper@townofwestbloomfield.org or call at 585-624-2900



The 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you” strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the week a national observance, making it the longest -running public health observance in the United States. Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8th, 1871, and caused devastating damage. The horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,00 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

Early detection of a fire will minimize damage and potentially save lives. The smoke alarm will hopefully detect fire or smoke while the fire is small and alarm or sound an alarm. Early detection allows time for the occupants to escape a building safely. A fire doubles in size every minute. My experience with fighting fires and those people who witnessed a fire in their home say that when they witnessed the fire without a functioning smoke detector, the fire was large, or the building was filling with smoke and they narrowly escaped.



Smoke detectors should be mounted to the ceiling outside bedrooms with at least one smoke detector on each floor of the house. Make it a routine to change the batteries in the smoke detectors in the Spring or Fall when you change your clocks in the house (spring ahead or fall back). The new smoke detectors have “forever” batteries. These detectors are considered disposable and are meant to be discarded when they are ten years old.

Should you have any questions or need assistance with your smoke detectors, feel free to stop at the Ionia Fire Station on any Monday evening.

Attention, West Bloomfield! You should receive our 2024 Fund Drive announcement in your mail in the next few weeks. It's an invitation to strengthen the heart of our community together. This past year, with over 70 challenges met, your support has been crucial to our 73-year legacy of service. Now, it's time to look ahead. In West Bloomfield, every volunteer and every contribution will make a significant impact! Thank you for standing with us all these years.

With insurance skyrocketing each year, it is getting harder and harder to make ends meet. Our contract with the Town of West Bloomfield and our annual fund drive are the only means of income anymore. We do not have the man or womanpower these days to do different fund raisers as we did in the past. The members we have are getting older and older and it is very hard to recruit young people for volunteer fire service. It is like that in all the volunteer fire services throughout the state.

Sooner or later small-town USA will be having to go with paid firefighters to protect their towns, people, and property. This day and age you are looking at \$150 to \$200k for each paid new firefighter and their gear. Paid firefighters would raise the town's fire tax much higher than the current cost now.

Bottom line is we need young volunteers to step up and help keep our fire service all volunteer. So please, if you know of anyone that may be interested in finding out what the fire service is all about, stop by the firehouse any Monday night around 7 pm, or contact the firehouse at 585-624-1414 or myself at 585-739-3582. (When calling the firehouse number, if nobody answers after 3 or 4 rings it will automatically roll over to my number. Please let it ring until you reach me, or you can leave a message.)

We hope everyone had a great summer and wish you a safe and happy fall season. And please make sure your smoke and Co detectors are working properly.



Cost to Outfit a Firefighter!

Helmet	\$350
Hood	\$100
Mask	\$300
SCBA	\$7000
Coat	\$1300
Radio	\$600
Pager	\$350
Gloves	\$80
Pants	\$1000
Boots	\$350
Total	\$11,430

**Thank You for
your Continued
Support!!**





Scout Troop 56

Tim Schiefen, Committee Chair

We are back to Scouting now that the school year has begun. Our charter with West Bloomfield Fire Department expires on December 31, 2024, and we are hoping that some of our West Bloomfield and Ionia parents will consider the Scouting program for their sixth to twelfth graders.

Our first Scout meeting is tentatively on Tuesday, September 10th, 7 pm at West Bloomfield Fire Department. We task the Scouts themselves with planning for the weeks ahead and coming up with fun and interesting activities.

Unlike the units in neighboring communities, our Troop is funded. There is no cost to join Troop 56. We pay the annual membership fees, we pay for and supply a Scout handbook, and most often we pay for our Scouts to go to Council functions like Camp-o-rees and other activities.

The Scouts in our Troop are the ones you see at most West Bloomfield and Ionia events like the Ionia Fall Festival and the Memorial Day Parades in West Bloomfield and Ionia, so stop by and get to know them and their leaders and learn more about our program.

Did you know our Town has some fantastic places you and your children may have never seen or heard of?

How about the Seven Bridges? Thanks to two old friends from Troop 56, we have permission to camp out on 17 acres of secluded creek side property nestled right smack dab in the middle of a paradise few get to see,

The Wolk Observatory? We have a Troop leader who is a member of the observatory and would love to show and tell you about astronomy and all its wonders!

Kids want to learn about a variety of interesting trades and occupations. We have former Scouts who span decades of experience in many fields. They are willing to share their knowledge and open doors to all kinds of experiences for young people. Have you ever climbed aboard a World War Two B-17 Bomber or toured a Navy Destroyer? Our Scouts have! How about exploring the largest cave system in Kentucky? Yes, our Scouts have done that as well.

Exploring the future and reaching for the stars . . . See what our program can do for your children to help them be self-reliant, enterprising, and successful. Bring them to a Scout meeting (Tuesday nights, 7 pm, at the WB Fire Department).

Contact Our Scout Master David Bradley at (585) 624-4252 or myself Tim Schiefen at (585)509-1350 or e-mail me at: fordguru@frontiernet.net

Mark Your Calendars for Scouting for food, Saturday November 9th, Look for our flier in your mail the week before!

ALLENS HILL FREE LIBRARY Christine Green, Library Director

The library has lots of fun summer reading activities planned for patrons of all ages! This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." Be on the lookout for new Take & Make kits for kids and adults with crafts, nature activities, and adventure-themed kits. Our current Storywalk® book is "Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt" by Kate Messner. We will feature new books to go with our theme throughout the summer. Walk around our outdoor space and read some great stories (and check out our beautiful gardens and outdoor games).



We will also host our 3rd Annual Tiny Art Show and feature programs that include an animal presentation for kids, local history presentations, homesteading programs, art activities, and other new adventures. And there will be pajama story hours and family game nights for summer fun! Our Makerspace offers kids' and adult coloring materials. An added bonus – our building is naturally cool and a great place to spend hot summer days!

Save the date for the Allens Hill Free Library Reception and Outdoor Dedication on Sat., July 20th. Stop in for cake and explore our outdoor space as we dedicate it to several past board members and patrons.

Bake and book sales this summer: Stop and see us at the West Bloomfield Historical Society Yard Sale on July 13th & 14th, and the West Bloomfield Congregational Church's Quasquicentennial Celebration on August 17th. We will have great summer reads and baked goods for sale to support library programs. We are currently taking donations of used books and DVDs in good condition. Items can be dropped off during library hours. (Please note: We cannot take textbooks, encyclopedias, or items in poor condition as they are costly for us to dispose of.) We will also hold a Triennial Fund Drive to collect donations to support parking area updates and to build accessibility.

The Allens Hill Free Library is just 6 miles south of the West Bloomfield Town Hall on County Road 40. We have DVDs, Blue-Rays, CDs, video and board games, and books of course! We also offer internet access, computers for patron use, and printing services. We currently have fishing kits available to borrow with a NYS Freshwater Fishing Guide and 2 fishing poles.

Check out our website and social media for more details on events and book sales. We would be thrilled to provide you with a library card if you don't already have one. Stop by and visit us soon!

Hours: Tuesday 3:00-6:00, Wednesday, 3:00-6:00, Friday 3:00-8:00, Saturday 1:00-4:00



Phone: (585) 229-5636

Address: 3818 County Road 40, Bloomfield, NY 14469

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/allenshillfreelibrary>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/AHFLibrary **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/ahflibrary>

(The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.)

North Bloomfield Cemetery Association, Inc. Deborah V. Jahn, Secretary

1941 NY Route 65, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472

Cemetery Superintendent 585-624-1823 Plots for sale, \$650

Upcoming date to remember: **Tuesday, October 29th, 6:00 pm, in the Mendon Public Library** is the Fall meeting of the Cemetery Association Trustees.

Please note that all up-to-date information and notices are posted on the cemetery bulletin board on the cemetery shed and on the cemetery web site www.northbloomfieldcemetery.com

The three most noteworthy items to report:

Service charges will be increasing this fall due to the contractor's increase in charges to the cemetery.

The cemetery rules will also be updated this fall. Please make sure to review them, either on our web site or the cemetery bulletin board, or by calling the cemetery superintendent and requesting a copy.

Also, as you can see from the photos, the cemetery sustained damage in the storm that came through in July. Tom, our superintendent, arranged for the removal of the large trees that came down. Having the trees removed and the repair of the fence incurred costs that the cemetery cannot afford. The cemetery is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and we welcome your donations to offset these costs.

Thank you to those patrons of the cemetery that keep the family plots free of debris and decorations that can be harmful to the horses in the adjacent paddock and to our lawn maintenance people, Jill and Tom.

Please remember that this is your community cemetery. It is completely operated by volunteers and your donations. Death notices can be put in the paper with contributions directed to: North Bloomfield Cemetery Association, 1941 State Route 65, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472.



Ionia United Methodist Church Mary Twardokus

At the Ionia United Methodist Church, 2120 Elton Road in Ionia, all are welcome to our services, fellowship times, and events!

Sunday, 9 AM: Bible/Book Study is held before our 10 AM Sunday Worship.

Sunday, 10 AM: Worship with a “Coffee/Fellowship Time” after the service.

2nd Sunday of each month: Birthday Sunday, celebrating birthdays that are in that month.

Last Sunday of each month: Pot-Luck Brunch after the service, with lots of good food & fellowship.

Check out the information & photos on our website: www.ioniaumc.org and on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/IoniaUMCNY

Creation Care Program: We encourage everyone to recycle all items that can be recycled by putting them into your trash collector’s recycle container, and taking recyclable plastic bags to store collection bins, keeping these items out of landfills, rivers, and oceans. The church has filed with Community Solar to be our primary source for our electricity and we plan the replacement of our two furnaces with high efficiency units. We invite you to continue to drop off 5-cent redeemable pop cans and bottles in the crate behind the church. 100% of the proceeds support our church’s mission outreach for local, national, and international causes. Please place the cans and bottles in plastic bags and do not include recyclable jugs or bottles.

Outreach: Ionia United Methodist Church (IUMC) is passionate about the local, national, and international community. We focus missional funds, volunteer hours, and other giving throughout the year towards ongoing needs and in response to events such as start-of-school year or holidays or the devastation of a weather event. We join other church-based and community organizations in identifying needs and directing resources. IUMC knows the incredible opportunity. In the words of Shakespeare’s Merchant of Venice, *“The quality of mercy is not strained; It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes:”*

IUMC has shared blessings with women and children in a Zimbabwe hospital, with local refugees by teaching English and refurbishing homes, with Bloomfield school district students by providing backpacks and school supplies, with homeowners impacted by the Rome, NY tornado and Woodhull floods, with homeless people living in Canandaigua and Rochester, with women and children escaping domestic violence, with Appalachian people living in one of the poorest counties in the US, and with local families and individuals through a season of extra care. You’ll find many who serve here, serve the community as individuals or in their workplace.

Our 54th Annual Holiday Fair Craft Show is coming up on Saturday, November 16th, 9 AM – 3 PM at Bloomfield High School, Oakmount Ave, Bloomfield. Crafters will fill 120 spaces, selling a wide variety of crafts, gifts, and homemade goodies. Free admission & parking. Bring your holiday shopping list! Booth applications are available on our church website: ioniaumc.org

We want to thank the whole community for their incredible support of all our Creation Care recycling efforts and all our other activities, including the Fall Festival and the Holiday Fair Craft Show!



Millers Corners Cemetery

Wayne Parrish, Millers Corners Cemetery Association

Sadly, we report that Bill Boldt, who has mowed the cemetery for many years, passed away unexpectedly this spring. His backup mower, Billy Cook, took over mowing for the remainder of this season.

It was a busy time around the cemetery this summer:

Flags were placed by the veterans' graves and a brief ceremony was held on Memorial Day. We thank Tim and the West Bloomfield Scouts for participating in the ceremony.

One interment has been held thus far this year.

The Superintendent filled in several sunken graves.

Several new monuments were installed.

The Superintendent, Secretary, and Treasurer attended the State meeting at the Richmond Town Hall in Honeoye for a review of cemetery operations and procedures.

CEMETERY RULE REMINDER: Memorial lights may not be used in the cemetery. Flowers may not be planted; they must be potted. All flowers must be removed by November 1st.

CEMETERY FEES: There were no changes made to the cemetery fees this year.

Prices will remain at: lots - \$800; cremation burial - \$550; and casket burial - \$900 with a \$300 surcharge if performed on a weekend or holiday.

YOU CAN HELP: Our maintenance funds are slowly dwindling. When a loved one passes, it would be appreciated if people would request in the obituary that donations be sent to the cemetery General Fund. It would also be appreciated if a portion of your estate could be donated to the General Fund when you pass and are buried in the cemetery. As always, any donation would be accepted at any time from anyone.

Mail donations to Millers Corners Cemetery, PO Box 52, Ionia NY 14475

LASTLY: If you wish to purchase a lot or schedule the installation of a monument, please contact the Superintendent, Larry Evans, at 585-624-4993.

Ionia Women's Club

Mary Twardokus

The Club welcomes all women living in the Ionia area to their meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Club members share in programs of crafts, meals, travel, community service, and friendship. We continue to make dresses for the international organization "Dress A Girl" and surgery caps for the children at Golisano Children's Hospital, and to support the community by collecting supplies for local non-profits. For information on joining the gatherings, call Shari Stottler at 519-2581.

North Bloomfield Community Association

Doreen Haller

Wow! What a summer! The apparent straight-line winds that went through North Bloomfield on July 15th certainly created havoc for some residents, National Grid, and the Cemetery with several trees down. Fortunately, there was no significant property damage, and no one was injured.



We are excited to host our Family Harvest Dinner on Wednesday, Oct. 16th, 5:30 p.m., at the 1897 Community Chapel at 1924 Rt. 65. Please bring a dish to pass, beverage, and table setting. We look forward to greeting neighbors both old and new. Come share stories and pictures of past events at the Chapel. We would love to hear how you think we can use the Chapel going forward. All are welcome. Please RSVP by Oct. 9th to Helen @ 585--624-2085 or helen_antler@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

We make every effort to keep everyone informed about our community. We can keep everyone informed, up-to-date, and our costs down if we have your email address. This list will not be sold or marketed to anyone other than for North Bloomfield Community Association business. Please send your email address to: doreen@treeskiers.com.

West Bloomfield Congregational Church Sarah Williams, Program Director
9035 Routes. 5 & 20, West Bloomfield
Phone 585-624-1313 • Email wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com • Website wbccucc.org

West Bloomfield Congregational Church UCC meets on Sunday mornings at 10 am for inspiring worship, song, and discussion. Services are also livestreamed on our Facebook page, “West Bloomfield UCC.”

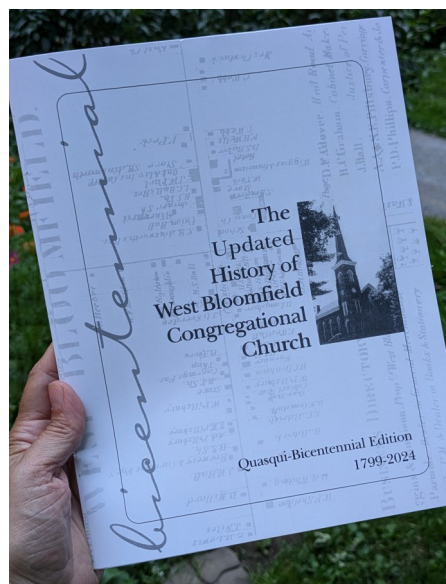
Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Celebrate 225 years with us! Our updated history booklet is available for \$15. You can order one through our website, wbccucc.org

West Bloomfield Congregational Church is proud to house The H.O.P.E. (Helping other people eat) Food Pantry: We maintain a 24-7 food shelf in the alcove at the south side of the building, accessed by the metal ramp. We also hold a “grocery store” style food giveaway four times per year. Donations are always accepted! Please call the church if you are having a food emergency, 585-624-1313. We will also be having a Christmas Giveaway. Individuals and families will need to register for this giveaway. Watch our Facebook page and website for details as we get closer to December.

Please check out our social media presence for information about the happenings at WBucc.

Instagram page [@westbloomfieldcongregational](https://www.instagram.com/westbloomfieldcongregational), and Facebook, West Bloomfield UCC



It is with heartfelt gratitude that we announce the departure of our beloved Pastor Corey, who after 28 years of dedicated service, will be stepping down. His commitment, guidance, and unwavering support have touched all of us, and we are deeply thankful for his leadership in our church community.

As we enter this period of transition, our deacons have arranged for guest speakers to lead our Sunday services through the end of the year. We invite everyone to join us in this season of change, as we honor our Pastor's legacy and look forward to the future of our church.



COMMUNITY FOCUS

A NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD

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Define: Dedicated Volunteer

See: Dan Broadwell

Mr. Broadwell has been presented with a proclamation from the residents of West Bloomfield by Supervisor Todd Campbell for some seventy plus years of fire protection service. Dan began his volunteer service when the West Bloomfield area was served by the Ionia Protectives. In 1954 that organization became part of The Ionia Volunteer Fire Company. Dan has served in every line office position including Chief. Additionally, he has served as a delegate and active participant in multiple County and State fire service organizations.

Those include the Ontario County Volunteer Fireman's Association and the Ontario County Chief's Association. And many more state, local and county fire protective services committees. The entire proclamation can be seen on the Ionia Volunteer Fire Co. website. So when you see Dan out and about please reach out to commend such an honorable lifetime of community service.



THANK YOU DAN !