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July 23-27: Rockford Life Church Community, 1811 N.

14 Mile Rd., Rockford, is presenting this year’s Vacation Bi-

le School, grades KG-ROUS, Discovery Camp. VBS will

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registration form is available at the church office and can be E-

mailed by request. Please call us at 616-754-7706 or visit:

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June 11-14: Vacation Bible School at Solon Center Wes-

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Summer Camp at the church office and can be E-mailed by

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June 1-4: Centennial Wesleyan Church of Grand Rapids will

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July 22-25: Orchard Lake United Methodist Church, 410 N.

Oakland Ave., Southfield, MI 48076. VBS for children

ages 3-6 at 9 a.m.; 7-12 at 10 a.m. Register by June 15.

July 22-26: Summer Camps at the First United Methodist

Church of Battle Creek. This year’s theme, “Family Night,”

will include Bible stories, crafts, games, and a picnic.

August 5-8: First United Methodist Church of Battle Creek

will host a Vacation Bible School for children ages 6-12.

August 5-8: Northern Lights United Methodist Church,

4025 N. Western, Kalamazoo, will offer a Vacation Bible

School for children ages 4-12.

August 5-8: Pecatonica Wesleyan Church, 12852 Pecato-

nica Rd., Rockford, is hosting a Vacation Bible School

for children ages 4-12.

August 5-8: United Church of Christ, 3200 N. Blackman

Rd., Grandville, will hold a Vacation Bible School for

children ages 4-12.

August 5-8: Woodlawn United Methodist Church of

Kalamazoo, 7282 W. Kalamazoo Rd., will offer a VBS for

children ages 4-12.

August 5-8: Covenant Life Wesleyan Church, 125 W.

Michigan St., Holland, will host a Vacation Bible School

for children ages 4-12.

August 5-8: First Presbyterian Church of Ubly, 104 N.

Washington St., Ubly, will host a Vacation Bible School

for children ages 4-12.

August 12-16: Biblical House of Worship, 1090 E. 262

Rd., Grand Rapids, is offering a VBS for children ages 4-

12.

August 19-23: Shiloh United Methodist Church, 6111

N. 28th St., Grand Rapids, will hold a Vacation Bible

School for children ages 4-12.

August 26-30: Pathfinder Church, 7453 cứu 72nd St.

S., Portage, will offer a VBS for children ages 4-12.

August 26-30: Southgate Baptist Church, 8095 E. 28th

Rd., Kalamazoo, will host a Vacation Bible School for

children ages 4-12.

August 26-30: New Hope United Methodist Church,

5800 W. 18th St., Zeeland, will offer a Vacation Bible

School for children ages 4-12.

August 26-30: Wesley United Methodist Church, 1416

W. River St., Rockford, will host a Vacation Bible School

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August 26-30: First United Methodist Church of Hamilton,

4000 E. 11th St., Hamilton, will offer a Vacation Bible

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also holding a Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-12.

September 2-6: Crossroads Wesleyan Church, 1010 S.

Chicago, Battle Creek, will host a Vacation Bible School

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September 9-13: Riviera United Methodist Church, 1229

W. Division, Holland, will offer a Vacation Bible School

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September 16-20: First Baptist Church of Big Rapids,

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