

LAKE HARBOR UMC's

Harbor Light



Welcoming all...Empowered by Christ...Sent forth to serve

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It was a **different kind of year** with Christmas falling on a Sunday. The rhythm of my normal Christmas morning was thrown off a bit, but I'm grateful for the opportunity to worship God on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and celebrate the Incarnation - that God comes "in the flesh" to be with us. **Thanks to our Worship Team and all those who served** as greeters, ushers, liturgists, sound and video operators and those who offered special music. **Thanks to counters** who gave extra time to count our special offerings that will bless mission organizations in Muskegon and beyond!

We spent time with family and friends during these "12 Days of Christmas," and it was a great blessing to connect and re-connect. I hope that you made time to be with loved ones, too, and that you experienced God's grace in a powerful way.

I want to **thank you for the many Christmas cards** that we received from you. Those greetings mean a lot to us, and we're grateful to be connected to you. **Thanks to the Tuesday morning Bible study** for their generous Christmas gift. I treasure the time of learning and growing together on Tuesday mornings, especially the great questions, laughter, and willingness to dig deeply into Scripture. I also want to **thank you for the love gift** that we received from our church family. We'll plan to use it for family time together. Thanks for blessing us. We are grateful to serve God alongside you.

As we move into a new year, I pray that all of us will consider God's call on our lives. Whether you've been a follower of Christ for a long time, or whether it's a more recent part of your life, my hope for all of us is that a new year reminds us that **we always have an opportunity to return to God and live our faith more deeply and more fully.**

Many of us might make New Year's resolutions in terms of improving physical health or relationships, but **what is God calling you to do to improve your spiritual health?** Here are some thoughts:

- Take 5 minutes a day to sit in silence and listen for God's still, small voice
- Take a daily walk and talk to God while you walk
- Read a psalm or a chapter of Scripture every day
- Start going to Sunday School class, Bible study, Women's Prayer Group, or Muskegon Methodist Men's breakfast
- Join Book Club or choir
- Serve in mission: Mission for Area People, Community enCompass, Hope Project, Rescue Mission, Family Promise, or another mission in our area
- Look at your budget and take a step in giving to God
- Start 2017 with worship on Jan. 1 and make a commitment to be in worship every Sunday that you're able

God's grace and peace as we move into God's future with hope and joy!

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Mary

“The First Christmas Songs”

Jan. 1, 2017 at 10:00 am:

“A Song of Trust for the New Year”

Scripture: Luke 2: 25-35

Synopsis: Simeon has waited, hoped, and trusted that God would deliver on God’s promises of a Savior. He greets Jesus – Emmanuel – and knows that “God is with us.” He praised God and claims that God comes in Jesus for all people. How do we find ourselves in a new year – looking back at the “God moments” that have sustained us, trusting that God walks with us into the future and confident of God’s promises and purposes for us?

“Faith in Films”

Epiphany is a word derived from the Greek for “manifestation” and is usually used as a reminder that Jesus is God’s revelation for the whole world. But we also use “epiphany” to describe those moments of deeper understanding and insight – like an “a-ha!” moment. Though our faith in Jesus Christ is grounded in Scripture, the arts, including literature and films, profoundly influence how we think about and understand God. Stories connect to the human experience and help us to grow in our faith. We’ll look at four recent films and explore themes of grief, prayer, call, and identity.

Synopsis: Grief is a common human experience; yet each of us has a unique reaction to grief. We may want to skip over it, but it’s impossible to find true healing and meaning without going through grief. Many times we think of prayer as words spoken to God, but prayer can take many forms. Howard’s practice of writing letters to love, time, and death is an example of prayer and of the journey through grief. And the role of community, including family and friends, impacts grief.

Jan. 15, 2016: “The Force Is With Us”

Scripture: I Peter 1: 3-9; Matthew 4: 18-22; I Corinthians 1: 26-29; Ephesians 6: 10-18

Film: “Rogue One: A Star Wars Story”

(<http://www.starwars.com/films/rogue-one>)

Synopsis: The church is the Body of Christ, and each of us an important part of the whole. Even when we don’t feel that our part is vital, God is using each of us and our gifts to make a difference for good and to overcome the power of evil in the world.

YOU’RE INVITED: There will be an **all-church informational meeting between services on Sunday, January 15** in Fellowship Hall. The goal is simply to offer updates on our 2017 budget, VCI prescriptions, and church staffing. These meetings have proven helpful in getting us on the same page as we move forward together, so we hope you’ll be there! We’ll plan to conclude by 10:45 a.m.

Jan. 22, 2016: “Saving Church”

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 1-3, 16-21; Matthew 22: 34-40

Film: “Sing” (<http://www.singmovie.com/>)

Synopsis: All of the stats say that the mainline church is declining in the U.S., and there are movements to revitalize the church and make it more relevant. Many times this means that the church that we’re used to



Jan. 8, 2016: “Letters to God”

Scripture: Job 2: 11-13, Psalm 23

Film: “Collateral Beauty”

(<http://collateralbeauty-movie.com/>)

seems to be fading away. What's our role as disciples who seek to make disciples? How do we go back to the basics of our faith in Jesus Christ and respond to the needs around us with a willingness to work for God in new ways?

Jan. 29, 2016: "What God Sees"

Scripture: I Samuel 16: 1-13; Galatians 3: 26-29; Acts 10: 34-38

Film: "Hidden Figures"

(<http://www.foxmovies.com/movies/hidden-figures>)

Synopsis: Our desire to box people in by gender, race, and other categories can be a block to allowing us to see our full potential and theirs. God's concern is for a vital relationship with God and a beloved community where social distinctions do not hold us back from using our gifts to the fullest. Our challenge is to live into God's will for the world.



Radical Hospitality

YOU'RE INVITED: We'll host **Radical Hospitality training** in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, January 29 after each of our two worship services.** We'll include important information from CRASE training offered by Norton Shores Police Department. Hospitality is a vital part of our ministry, and we hope you'll attend!

Thanks to everyone who served as Coffee Hosts over the past year, whether you hosted in the Lounge or brought treats for Celebration worship. We know **how important this time of connecting is** for our church family, and we hope that you'll continue to serve with your family – or get a friend to host with you!

Remember: coffee is prepared, and supplies are provided. We ask that you provide 9-10 doz. cookies and/or treats. Please sign up on the tower.

Worship Connections Teams

Worship Connections Calendar

Wed., Jan. 4	1:00 PM	Work Session
Mon., Jan. 9	2:00 PM	Worship Connections
Mon., Jan. 16	2:00 PM	Brainstorming for Feb. Worship in LHUMC lounge - All are welcome!
Mon., Jan. 23	NOON	Worship Luncheon
	2:00 PM	Worship Connections
Mon., Jan. 30	2:00 PM	Worship Connections
Mon., Feb. 13	6:00 PM	Brainstorming for Lent & Easter Worship

Worship Connections Team meetings are open to everyone. Karen Booth leads the Early Service team which meets Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Karen (798-8431 or kwbooth@comcast.net) for more details. Vicki Zuker leads the Celebration Service team. Please contact Vicki (759-8848 or zukerr@comcast.net) for more details.

Please contact Karen Booth, Vicki Zuker, or Pastor Mary if you'd be willing to host the Monday, February 13 Worship Brainstorming. You **do not** need to cook; you just need to provide a place for people to gather.

Thank you to all the groups and families who stepped forward to read and light the Advent Candle each week. It is an important part of our holiday services. I also want to thank the faithful Worship Leaders.

You all make my life much easier,
Barbara Gripton

1,033 diapers and 2,830 wipes! We're praising God for a wonderful response to our December Social Justice issue. Thanks for your help to bless women and children in Muskegon!

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER CIRCLE: Join us at 8:50 a.m. in the Lounge or at the front of the sanctuary at 10:55 a.m. Anyone is welcome to join in our circle! It's a wonderful time to support Pastor Mary and our congregation with prayers.



GriefShare offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. **We begin our next 13-week session on January 9, 2017**, and we meet on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m. through April**. More information is at www.griefshare.org. Please share this with family, friends, or neighbors who might benefit.

*God is everywhere
so PRAY anywhere.*

Lake Harbor's Prayer Chain is an important ministry to our congregation and community.

Contact Mary Hubbell at 231-798-1340 or mkhubbell@frontier.com if you want to be included on the chain.

FYI: Prayer requests are not shared or published in the bulletin without permission.

Monthly Prayer Service: See you on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary for our first service of the year. This is intentional time to lift up our prayers to God and to pray for our congregation, community, and world.



Remember in Prayer: Janene Start, Karen Post, Lynn Vanderberg, Jim Elrod, Lauma Vilums, Cat Brazeau, Sue Graves, Ken Ploughman, Snowbirds, Homebound Members, Family Promise, Families grieving losses, Those battling cancer, and the ministries of Pastor Mary & Jimmy Epplert.

Muskegon Methodist Men's Breakfast is at **Whitehall UMC on Saturday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m.** Please join other Methodist Men from throughout Muskegon County. Questions? Call Ron Zuker at 231-750-3912. TAKE NOTE: Lake Harbor UMC will host on February 11.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Prison Ministry Angel Tree. Thanks to those who purchased gifts for the children and thanks to those who delivered the presents. Your

participation in the ministry helped make a merrier Christmas for the children!

Women's Prayer Group is **Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m.** We will be using Lectio Divina prayer. Come spend so time with God and your sisters from Lake Harbor. Questions? Call Vicki Zuker at 231-759-8848.



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

The award-winning **JANUARY SERIES of Calvin College** is one of the leading lecture and cultural arts series in the county. For 15 weekdays in January, the series brings together world renowned experts presenting noon-time lectures on topics such as global health, interfaith leadership, the future of Russia, a story of autism and much more.

The Frauenthal Center's Beardsley Theater in downtown Muskegon will be a live-streaming webcast site, and admission is FREE.

For a complete list of program topics and speakers, go to www.calvin.edu/january-series.

Lake Harbor Youth Groups



Youth Group meets on **Wednesdays:** January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Thank You! Thank You! Our Cookie Walk was a "Grand" Success - we raised \$1,000! Thank you to all of our bakers and eaters for supporting this fun fundraiser. Hope you enjoyed all your cookies; I know our family did!

Mission Trip 2017: We'll be traveling to Northern Minnesota on July 22-30 and partnering with YouthWorks to serve the people of Leech Lake Reservation. We'll keep you posted as details become available.

Our youth took on some Christmas projects this holiday season and were able to help out two families in need, as well as many other smaller projects throughout the community. We helped a

single mom with three babies all under two years old (the youngest are twins!). We were also able to help a single dad with three children. What a great opportunity to share the love of Christ and to do some outreach on behalf of the whole church! It's always a great joy to witness the thought, generosity, and love the students put into these projects, as well as all the others that they participate in during this time of year. We have some amazing students with great servants' hearts!

I want to thank you all for another year of amazing ministry and joy! For all the cards, gifts, and love that you have shared with me and my family this year, and especially this holiday season. I am so blessed to work with such amazing students and families, and I look forward to the start of another amazing year!
 God Bless Us Everyone!
 PEACE AND LOVE JIMMY!
 Jimmy Epplert, Director of Youth Ministries
 Lake Harbor United Methodist Church
 750-9707 (Cell)



CELEBRATING

- January birthday blessings to our Sunday School & VBS friends:
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| Hayden Orr | on the 10th |
| Ella Grimm | on the 16th |
| Trent Yontz | on the 20th |
| Harmon Hilleary | on the 21st |
| Reily Revell | on the 26th |
| Joe Nyenhuis | on the 29th |

MANY THANKS to the workers who shared their time and talents during the Advent Feast and Praise session in December:

- *Julie Fuller helped the children decorate placemats for Senior dinners
- *Emily Umstead led the ornament decorating table
- *Kate Robbins and Sandy Colella assisted with cards being made for Lake Harbor's beloved homebound members

*At the tin can luminary tables, hammering was directed by Ivan Ivanov, Patrick Miles, Larry & Mary Swisher, and Roger & Lynne Richmond
 *And, always important, Dena Chilson provided the snack for all of the busy workers!
 Thanks to all of the children and adults who helped to brighten the Christmas season for so many!



ENORMOUS THANKS to all involved in Lake Harbor's "Night in Bethlehem" in early December. The following shopkeeper's provided wonderful expertise:

- *Emily Umstead and Emma Tripp painted dreidels in the toy shop
- *Ropes were woven by Steve Robbins and Patrick Miles
- *Stained glass jars were supervised by Shannon and Lindsey Stewart
- *Mary Swisher and Lynne Richmond helped with beaded items
- *Scented products were provided by Jenn & Gary Cooper, Anna Beekman, and Payton Reeds
- *Steve Umstead and Vicki Zuker helped customers create tiled boxes
- *Chris Beaudoin and Amber Averill were busy in the pottery shop
- *Sugared rolls were made by Jean Kelly, Sheryl Thompson, Skylar Epplert, Ana Ivanov, and Jane Robbins in the bakery
- *Dave & Anne Selleck and Barb Novak-Banta sold food in the marketplace
- *Ryan and Jeannie Hansard graced the stable as Mary and Joseph - sometimes with Keelan Dean as Jesus!

Other workers, not confined to a shop, included: Bethlehem greeter Niki Epplert; Census takers Ron Zuker and Wendy Austin; the ever-present tax collector, Jason Colella; the (also ever-present) Roman soldier who tried to maintain order, Brad Hilleary; and Pastor Mary and Jimmy who circulated ("flitted") around the town, bestowing good will!

Those who worked behind the scenes to create this special night were: Julie Brott and Jill

McMahon, who devised wonderful costumes; Sandy Colella, Niki Epplert, Jenn Miles, and Michelle Frazier, who ordered and stocked the shops with supplies; Myke Bos and Julie Fuller, in charge of advertising; and set creators Laura & Brad Dean, Jimmy Epplert, Mary Swisher, and Lynne Richmond. (Kudos to Jimmy and Brad for their construction skills with ropes, lights, and cardboard!)

Special kudos, also, to Kate Robbins for her vision and desire to bring this program to Lake Harbor. It was a magical evening for many as we awaited the birth of our Savior!

ONE LAST THANK YOU to Grandma Marie (Kordecki) who so willingly substituted in the Pre-K classroom on December 18. She helped the children decorate and bake cookies for our friends, the policemen, across the street from Lake Harbor. The cookies and prayer rocks, that were also made the same day, will be delivered as gifts at a later date. We thank Grandma Marie for her talent, her time, and her love.

SUPER HERO Prayer Partners: Thank to everyone who has signed up to serve! Look for information about your specific child or youth coming to you in January!

Women's Bible Study: All are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Lounge. We'll continue our study of Paul when we **resume on January 4.**



Church Camp

It's not too early to think about Christian summer camp, especially really fun ones like Lake Michigan Camp and Wesley Woods. If you are interested in having your child(ren) attend camp this summer, please find the camp brochure in the church office with all sorts of options for your family to attend. Scholarships are available through the conference and Lake Harbor pays a portion for each child who wants to attend a church camp this summer. If you have questions, please contact Niki Epplert 231-750-2114.



Colossians 2:7

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Roots will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30

p.m. in the back of the sanctuary: **January 5, 12, 19 and 26.** Invite a friend and come join us! We'll begin a new series called "The Shine is Gone," focusing on what to do when the newness wears off. How do we keep ourselves feeling new about our faith? Find us at on Facebook under "The Roots Ministry"

LAKE HARBOR'S MUSIC MINISTRY



Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at

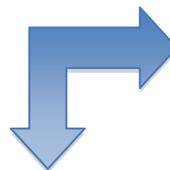
6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and 8:15 a.m. on Sundays. All are welcome!



HAND BELL CHOIR: Alleluia Grace Note Ringers has many more bells that need hands to ring. Please join us for rehearsals on Sundays from 6:15-8:00 p.m.



CHILDREN'S HAND CHIME CHOIR is taking January off. We look forward to hearing from them again. All children, ages 5 and up, are invited. For more information, contact Diane Thompson at 231-750-5153 or diane.sj.thompson@gmail.com.



Lake Harbor's Missions Corner

Our Mission Statement:

***Actively living our faith
to alleviate human suffering.***

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. **Proverbs 31: 8-9**



Change the World!



Our December Noisy Offering raised \$300 for **Forgotten Man Ministries.** For more information, Thank you for your generosity!

Our January Noisy Offering will support **Shoes 4 Shores** at Lake Harbor. This ministry was developed early on in our VCI process and has grown into a vital mission to our community. We work with the social worker and staff at area schools to help keep little feet dry and warm with athletic shoes and boots! **We'll receive this special offering on January 15.**



“Shoes 4 Shores” Update

We've purchased 44 pairs of boots and shoes just this school year alone! (We have about 14 that we purchased to stock up and then a few left from previous inventory). Thanks to Shasta Jaehnig for her dedication to this ministry!

I cannot begin to express my appreciation for all the shoes and boots that Shoes for Shores have supplied to our students here in the Mona Shores School District. The families that I work with often have many struggles and oftentimes just do not have resources to keep their children in basic necessities.

One of the families that you were able to help recently was a single father of 5 children. The teachers have commented that they are the most polite children and never ask for anything. Dad works second shift; however, the income cannot keep up with the family's expenses. (There is no TV in this household!) He was so grateful, and the children were so excited to have new boots on their feet!

I work with a lady that is 83 years old. She is raising her 3 great grandchildren, and you have supplied all the children with boots this year. She was so grateful that that burden and worry was lifted from her.

One of our mothers was talking with a principal and the mom was explaining that she just didn't have the resources this year for boots and coats. When she found out that we were able to hook her up with boots for the kids, she just sat there and cried.

I wish you could see the relief in a parents' eyes or the excitement in a child when they receive your blessings. Thank you so much, you are making such a wonderful difference in the lives of our students!

Forever grateful,
Debra Holdmann

Mona Shores Schools Social Worker



Lake Harbor hosts Family Promise January 15-22.

We need: Cooks, Evening Hosts, Overnight Hosts, A.M. & P.M. Drivers. Please call Allison Keessen (231-799-1204) if you want to help out or have questions about serving.



January MAP Items of the Month:

Peanut Butter & Toothpaste

Lake Harbor had 60 angels on our MAP Angel Tree. We want to thank everyone who bought in Christmas gifts for our friends at Mission for Area People. Also thanks to those who brought in hats, scarves, socks, mittens, gloves and slippers for the MAP Supper House Christmas Party. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Lake Harbor serves at MAP Supper House on the **1st Tuesday** and **2nd Wednesday** of each month. This month we serve on **January 3 and 11.** *We can always use new servers! A few of our "regulars" have headed south for the winter.*

Lake Harbor serves at MAP Food Pantry on January 9, 11, & 13. If you're willing to help, talk to Mary Hubbell or Madonna Borgerding. They could use some help from time to time.

MAP Healthy Choices Food Pantry helps hundreds of individuals and families year round. Thank you for your giving!

Kids Belong weekly support group for foster and adoptive families meets **on Mondays at 9:30 a.m.** in the Lounge.

Special Meeting: We've been invited to an **informational meeting** at First Presbyterian Church of Muskegon (corner of Wickham and Sherman) on **Tuesday, January 3 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more about co-sponsoring a refugee family**, along with other local churches and Bethany Christian Services. Pastor Mary is planning to attend. Please let her know if you're interested. Come and learn more about this special opportunity to make a difference in our community and in our world.

Membership, Nurture &

Outreach (M.N.O.) News:

M.N.O. welcomes new members anytime. Please contact Myke Bos in the office at 231-798-2181 if you're interested in joining this team. **Our next meeting is Thursday, January 12 at 2:00 p.m.**

Soup Pot Ministry is available to those who are in need of a meal during illness, after surgery or as a help during difficult times. Please call Marie Kordecki at 231-740-5458 for more information or to help out. **New cooks are always welcome!**



The Thinking of You" Group thanks all who so generously supplied us with goodies, treats and fruit to fill the 30 goody bags, those who helped pack the bags, and all those who helped deliver the goody bags to our homebound members and friends. We couldn't have accomplished this without your help!

Marcia Woodworth



Members on the move... Please keep the office informed when you are moving or changing phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

If you're hospitalized, please have a family member or friend contact the church office directly so that we can pray for and visit you.

If you're on Facebook, make sure you've joined our group (Lake Harbor UMC) and/or "liked" our page (Lake Harbor United Methodist Church).

Lay Leadership

Thank you to those who have said "yes" to serving in 2017. Our team is still prayerfully seeking servants to lead in many areas.

Though we have a responsibility, **your help in completing a spiritual gifts inventory is very helpful to us. We hope it's helpful to you** as you seek to grow in faith, too.

Follow the link: (choose one or do both!)

www.ministrymatters.com/spiritualgifts/
www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment

You may get a call to serve. **Please prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your gifts for ministry.**

Fellowship Opportunities



Sixty Plus or Minus

Sixty Plus or Minus Lunch Bunch at Mr. B's on January 19. Our hosts are Renée and Greg Hoadley. Sign up is located on the Welcome Center. Please join us.



Coffee & Crafts meets every other Thursday from 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Meeting dates are January 12 and 26.** Everyone is welcome; we usually work on our own crafts.

Please join us!



From our Trustees

We're **grateful of the gift from Grandma's Craft Sale to the Preservation Fund.** Your gifts help us to care for and be good stewards of our physical space.

We hope that you notice the **new shed** on the south end of the parking lot. This extra storage space is a great blessing!

From your FINANCE Team:

We hope that you'll attend the all-church informational meeting on January 15. We hope to have both a numbers budget and narrative budget available for your information. We're grateful to end 2016 and being 2017 in good financial shape, and we look forward to our future.

Thank you for your faith commitments for 2017.

We've been able to move ahead with new staff positions that will help us to make disciples.

Thank you for your generosity during this Advent and Christmas season. Our **Christmas offering is \$3,900** so far (to be given to MAP and Family Promise). On **Christmas Eve, we received an offering of \$1,171** (to be given to SAFE – Soldiers and Families Embraced – and UMCOR). In addition, we know that the giving of gifts and other items represents your resources given for the God's Kingdom.

Please continue to pray for yourself and for our congregation as we seek to grow in **extravagant generosity** as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit card or debit card. Electronic giving offers convenience for you and much-needed consistency in giving. You can set up your donations on our website or if you'd rather, stop by the church office for assistance.

To set up your electronic donation on our www.lakeharborumc.org:

- 1) Click on "Give" button
- 2) Click on "Create Profile" button
- 3) Follow onscreen instructions.

It's easy and stress free!



Vital Church Initiative (VCI) update:

Our team had our final meeting with our coach, Naomi García. Naomi has walked with us throughout the VCI process so far, and we're deeply grateful. We hope that you'll attend our congregational meeting on January 15 to hear more about **developing new prescriptions that move us forward in being vital and effective as a congregation – making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**



Lake Harbor United Methodist Church,
On behalf of the Norton Shores Fire Department
"Thank You" for the thoughtful gift to the Fire Prevention Fund, we are blessed to have such good neighbors in our community.

Ted Karnitz Bob Gagnon
Fire Marshall Fire Chief

Dear Lake Harbor Thinking of You Group,
Thank you for remembering Robin & Jared with your gift bags and gift cards. It was appreciated, and they will be able to use the gifts you sent. Merry Christmas and our blessings to all,
Renée & Greg Hoadley

Lake Harbor UM Church,
A simple "Thank you" doesn't come close to letting you know the Christmas Bag was a big success!! Thank you for your time and everything. I did and still will appreciate the GOODIES!
Sincerely, Marcia Morgan

Thank you Lake Harbor UMC for the Starbucks gift card! This gift will definitely help me get through Finals Week.

I really appreciate everyone thinking of me.
Thanks, Emily Herbert

Lake Harbor Church Family,
Thank you for the lovely gift bag full of goodies, Dick & I enjoyed it all. Merry Christmas to all,
Alyce & Dick Crago

To our wonderful "Thinking of You" group,
Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas bag of assorted goodies. It was totally unexpected. What fun it was as I took each item out of the bag separately to see what it was. They were all very nice. You are all so thoughtful, and have made many people happy with their Christmas Bags.

Thank you again and God bless you,
Edie White

Thank you so much for the Subway gift card! It makes it even easier to pick up dinner on late nights home from class. Danielle Hilleary

Greetings Supporters, Neighbors, and Friends!

We at Community enCompass would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU!**

Without your generous responses and donations of time, money and resources, we would not be able to continue this work. You are a vital part in this work and we hope that you continue to partner with us through the year ahead.

We pray that as 2016 comes to an end, you are able to rest with family and friends. We look forward to working with you in 2017.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Together, seeking SHALOM in the City!

The Community enCompass team

Dear Thinking of You group,

Nolan and I want to thank you for the wonderful bag of gifts and goodies. It was packed full and we felt the “love” flowing forth. We appreciate all the time and effort it took. The sweet cards from the children, the homemade crafts, the bake goods, just to mention a few, were all wonderful. Have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Love, Sandy & Nolan Throne

Thank you so much for the gift bag. You’ll never know how much this kind act was appreciated.

God bless you all! Audrey Neiser

Dear Lake Harbor Shoes for Shores,

Thank you for supplying shoes to many of our students. So many families at Lincoln Park have been blessed by your generosity.

Blessings, Lincoln Park Staff

Dear Lake Harbor,

Thank you for the Starbucks gift card; it immensely boosted my spirits for exams.

Thank you, Chase Collela

I would like to thank everyone at Lake Harbor for their support and generous gift. What a joy to be part of this wonderful family. May the blessings of Christ and this season continue to touch everyone.

Cyndi Barefoot, treasurer

I would like to thank everyone for the generous gift. And I am looking forward to another year with you all.

Thank you again, Terry Knoll, Custodian

To My Lake Harbor Family,

I wish you a wonderful 2017, and I want to thank you for the generous Christmas gift. Sometimes working in a church office, the busyness of the holidays can zap some of my spirit. Lake Harbor is a great place to work, and I am grateful to be a part of this amazing church family.

Myke Bos, Secretary

Thank you, Lake Harbor family, for the generous holiday gift. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and wish all of you a joyous new year!

Gail Barefoot, Financial Secretary



APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Community Foundation of Muskegon County awards over \$1.5 million in scholarship every year to Muskegon area students. If you are a high school or homeschooled senior, current college student, early college senior or someone entering college after a break, the Foundation may have a scholarship for YOU! The application for 2017 scholarships is OPEN! More information and the online application located at:

www.cffmc.org/scholarships

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2017.

If you’re not receiving weekly notices from lakeharbor@aol.com, please be sure we have your correct E-mail address. It is our best way to keep you informed!



Lake Harbor UMC Weather Policy

If you have an activity scheduled on a weekday evening, and the weather looks bad, call the church office (231-798-2181). A decision will be made by 3:00 p.m. and a message left on the machine if events are cancelled. **ONLY** Tuesday morning Bible study is cancelled if Mona Shores Schools are closed or delayed. Sunday morning worship is always on, but use your own discretion.



Sunday Worship Servants



Serving January 1:

10:00 a.m. Service

Worship leader: Brad Hilleary

Ushers: Barb Gripton, Eric Gordon, Mark Rousell, Roger Richmond, John Decker, Tom Van Dyke, Harold Phinney *Outside Attendant:* Tom Van Dyke

Greeters: _____

Computer & Camera: Ivan Ivanov

Sound: Ron Zuker

Coffee Hosts: _____

Altar Guild: Betty Kinney

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Jeanne Funnell

Serving January 8:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Gary Cooper

Ushers: Lew Rousell, Jim Elrod, Bill Barton, Dave Stamy, Doris Elrod, Pat Lathrop, Harold Phinney *Outside Attendant:* Dave Stamy

Greeter: Robert & Paulette Bosch

Computer: Fred Yonkers *Camera:* Pat Yonkers

Sound: Rob Mertz

Coffee Hosts: Marilyn Forton, Betty Kinney

Altar Guild: Carol Bodenber

Counters: Mary Hubbell, Viv Nelund

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader: Dirk Fuller

Greeters: Niki Epplett, Rev. Gil & Sara Boersma

Set-up: Vicki Zuker

Computer: Jim Grace *Sound:* Karen Grace

Serving January 15:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Gary Cooper

Ushers: Don Nelund, Karen Post, Dee Nelund, Gary Bailey, Jim Post, Marie Kordecki, Peggy Tully, Harold Phinney *Outside Attendant:* Jim Post

Greeter: _____

Computer: Dave Stamy *Camera:* Karen Booth

Sound: David Booth

Coffee Hosts: _____

Altar Guild: Jeanne Funnell

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Allen Winslow

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader: Chris Beaudoin

Greeter: Julie Brott & Niki Epplett

Set-up: Chris Beaudoin

Computer: Jason Colella *Sound:* Jasmine Beaudoin

Serving January 22 :

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Gary Cooper

Ushers: Fred Yonkers, Pat Yonkers, John Bellamy, Rob Mertz, Jeff Stone, Rod Moon, Harold Phinney

Outside Attendant: Rod Moon

Greeters: _____

Computer: Ivan Ivanov *Camera:* Lisa Kasmauski

Sound: Rob Mertz

Coffee Hosts: Robert & Paulette Bosch

Altar Guild: Doris Elrod

Counters: Mary Hubbell, Viv Nelund

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader: Rose Emmons

Greeter: Dirk Fuller

Set-up: Rose Emmons

Computer: Steve Umstead *Sound:* Patrick Miles

Serving January 29:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship leader: Gary Cooper

Ushers: Barb Gripton, Eric Gordon, Mark Rousell, Roger Richmond, John Decker, Tom Van Dyke, Harold Phinney *Outside Attendant:* Tom Van Dyke

Greeters: _____

Computer: Glenn Chilson *Camera:* Dena Chilson

Sound: Deb Moon

Coffee Hosts: Linda Herbert & Lisa Kasmauski

Altar Guild: Betty Kinney

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Jeanne Funnell

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader: Dirk Fuller *Greeter:* Sheryl Thompson *Set-up:* _____

Computer: Ivan Ivanov

Sound: Ron Zuker