



# LAKE HARBOR UMC's Harbor Light

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

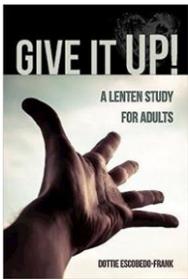


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**The month of March ushers in the season of Lent.** If you're used to observing Lent, you may already know that the season is 40 days (which doesn't include Sundays!). If you've never observed Lent before, I hope this year is a blessing and a challenge as we walk with Jesus.

Whatever we do, I hope that we'll **be intentional in how we approach Lent this year.** For me, Ash Wednesday is an important time to acknowledge our need for God. I love to worship downtown at Central UMC, and I hope that you'll join our Muskegon Methodist community. Bishop David Bard will preach, and the title is "Liminal Lent." The Scripture readings he'll focus on are **Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21 and II Corinthians 12: 1-10.** Take a look and reflect on them before worship.

Our focus in worship will be "**Giving it Up,**" and we'll explore some of **what we need to give up – and what we need to take on - in order to follow Jesus more closely.** As you plan for Lent, look at page 9 in this newsletter for ideas on how you might prepare your heart and life to celebrate the joy of resurrection on Easter.



One opportunity is to **read Give It Up!** by Dottie Escobedo-Frank. This will be a companion read to our worship series. Copies of the book are available at the Welcome Center for \$9.00.

Anyone interested in learning more about Lake Harbor UMC is invited to attend an **informational meeting about church membership on Sunday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m.** This is simply a time to meet with Pastor Mary and learn more. There's no obligation to become a member of the church.

For those who are interested in making that commitment at Lake Harbor, we hope to celebrate Holy Baptism and receive new members in April.

I want to **thank all those who are serving as Prayer Partners** for our children and youth. This is an important ministry in our congregation. I also invite you to **continue to pray for our connection at Ross Park Elementary School.** Our Ross Park Readers have started meeting with kids, and we're grateful to nurture that relationship with our community!



We welcomed **Kate Robbins** last month as our Children's Christian Education Director, but we wanted to get a picture so that you can put a face with a name.



We welcome **Jeff Verry** as our **Congregational Care Coordinator.** Jeff brings great experience as a seminary graduate who has worked in the local church and in Hospice chaplaincy. Jeff is married to Teresa, and they have a daughter, Lillian, who will be four years old at the beginning of March.

Jeff's primary focus will be visitation of our members and friends who are homebound or in care facilities and helping to create a Caring Team to participate in this ministry.

Thanks to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their work in meeting the needs for staff to help us continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

See you on Sunday,  
*Pastor Mary*

## “Giving It Up”

**March 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm:** Ash Wednesday  
Worship @ Central UMC. Bishop David Bard is preaching.

**March 5, 2017:** “Giving Up Control”

*Scripture:* Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11

*Synopsis:* Adam and Eve disobeyed God, thinking that they knew better than him, with disastrous consequences. While being tempted in the wilderness, Jesus denied his own impulses and followed God’s will. In the modern world, where we are used to having control over so many things, we often fail to seek God’s will for our lives and try to call all the shots ourselves. God wants us to deny ourselves and give him the final say when we are charting out the course of our lives.

**March 12, 2017:** “Giving Up Expectations”

*Scripture:* Genesis 12: 1-4a; John 3: 1-17

*Synopsis:* Abraham followed God’s call to leave his homeland and travel to the place God promised his descendants, even though he didn’t know how it would all work out. When Nicodemus is talking to Jesus, he has a hard time understanding what God’s grace is really about because he is used to thinking in terms of religious structure. Sometimes we just can’t know what’s going on or what’s coming next. God doesn’t guarantee any future circumstances or uninterrupted prosperity, but we can trust that God will be with us through whatever circumstances we face and that God will work with us to make the best result out of even the most hopeless of places.

**March 19, 2017:** “Giving Up Superiority”

*Scripture:* John 4: 5-42

*Synopsis:* Jesus broke all kinds of social conventions by speaking to a woman in public, a Samaritan no less, whose own life was such a mess that it could have really messed up Jesus’

reputation as a holy man. But Jesus brought his message of grace and freedom to the woman, knowing that in her humility, she would actually hear and respond, while the religious people were too busy and self-important to hear. God doesn’t care about any of the artificial lines we draw to make ourselves feel superior to others. If we let go of our status symbols and judgmental attitudes, we too can hear Jesus’ call more clearly and respond more faithfully.

**March 26, 2017:** “Giving Up Enemies”

*Scripture:* Luke 19: 37-44

*Synopsis:* Loving our enemies can sometimes feel like as idealistic a notion as instantaneous world peace, but Jesus showed us that caring even for those who persecute you is a real, actionable mandate that we can carry out by following Jesus’ example. Peace isn’t just a far-off fantasy. Jesus wept over Jerusalem because the people following him misunderstood his message to be about peace in Heaven instead of on Earth. We call Jesus the Prince of Peace, but do we really believe and live like peace is possible in our world today?



### Ash Wednesday, March 1

We’ll join with others for **worship at Central UMC** in downtown Muskegon **at 7:00 p.m.** Our new bishop, **Bishop David Bard, will be our preacher.** This is a meaningful time of worship and a great way to begin the season of Lent. The service will include a combined choir from our area churches the imposition of ashes, and an opportunity for anointing with oil and healing prayer. Our offering will support Muskegon area food pantries.

**Remember to**



**on March 12!**

# Worship Connections Teams

## Worship Connections Calendar

Mon., March 6	2:00 PM	Worship Team
Mon., March 13	2:00 PM	Worship Team
Mon., March 20	2:00 PM	Worship Team
Mon., March 27	2:00 PM	Worship Team

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



**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 16** as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that we receive in his name. If

you're interested in being baptized or bringing your child(ren) for baptism, please contact Pastor Mary at the office (231-798-2181) as soon as possible.

**Don't be anxious about anything!**

Philippians 4:6

**Monthly Prayer Service:** See you on **Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary. This is intentional time to lift up our prayers to God and to pray for our congregation, community, and world.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**Remember in Prayer:** Greg Hoadley, Lauma Vilums, Sue Graves, Snowbirds, Those battling cancer, Homebound Members, Family of Ron Byersmith, Families grieving losses, and the ministries of Pastor Mary & Jimmy Epplett.



**The Women's Prayer Group** will meet **Saturday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.** We have moved upstairs to the room across from the Lounge. We'll be using our Prayer Beads, so if you have beads, please bring them with you. If you don't have beads, extra sets will be available. Hope to see you to spend some time with God and your Sisters in Christ. Questions? Call Vicki Zuker at 231-759-8848.

**Muskegon Methodist Men's Breakfast** will be at Crestwood UMC on Saturday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. Please plan on attending for a time of fellowship. Questions? Call Ron Zuker at 231-750-3912.



## **Radical Hospitality**

**Thank you to everyone for your attention to hospitality!** To all

those who are involved in greeting ministry on Sunday mornings, we're grateful for your gifts.



## **INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

Look for opportunities to **be involved in a small group for Bible study and spiritual formation** during Lent.

Both of our adult Sunday School classes are now meeting upstairs - one in the Library (led by Ray Post) and one in the room across from the Lounge (led by Glenn Chilson). Please **continue to pray for our confirmation class!**

# Lake Harbor Youth Groups



Joshua Weare on the 10th  
Max Plont on the 29th

**Youth Group meets on Wednesdays:** March 8, 15, 22 and 29. Just an FYI: **we will not meet on March 1** due to Ash Wednesday. We encourage students and families to attend our community Ash Wednesday service at Central UMC.



Chili!!! Who wants some chili?!  
Everyone! It's that time of year again!

Time to pull out those crock pots and see who has what it takes to become the 2017 Chili Champ!

**Chili Cook Off** is March 3 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy all the different kinds and vote with your dollars! The pot with the most \$\$\$ will be the winner...and all the proceeds will support this summer's mission trip to Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota.

If you want to get your favorite recipe in the running, please see Jimmy to sign up to be one of our chili chefs!



**Pasties are coming!!!** They will be here by the end of the month! See one of the students or one of our adult leaders to get your order in!

Ryke's Bakery is once again helping us out with the best crust there has ever been! **Pasties are \$5.00 each, and come in both traditional meat and non-traditional, but delicious veggie! Orders will be taken through March 19.** They make great gifts! They keep a long time in the freezer, and you can feel good about it because all proceeds go towards the youth summer mission trip to Leech Lake Reservation!

Did I mention they are delicious? Questions? Contact Jimmy!

PEACE AND LOVE JIMMY!

Jimmy Epplert, Director of Youth Ministries  
231-750-9707 (Cell)



**CELEBRATING**  
March birthday blessings to our  
Sunday school and VBS friends:

## FEAST AND PRAISE THANK YOU!!

Our February Feast and Praise hour was dedicated to learning about area ministries that we could support through this year's Lenten coin collections. Students in pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade rotated through stations highlighting the Braveheart Raptor Center, Kids' Food Basket, Kids Belong Clothing Closet, and Shoes for Shores. The kids enjoyed making bird-feeders out of pine cones, assembling food collages, decorating food sacks, running a clothing race, tossing shoes, and munching on snacks from cheese sticks to peanut butter crackers to clementines!

Thanks to the creative crew in charge of the stations: Patrick & Jenn Miles, Gary & Jen Cooper, Sheryl Thompson, Jean Kelly, Dena Chilson, Jane Robbins, Sandy Colella, Emily Umstead, Mary Swisher, and Lynne Richmond. Coins collected by our students during Lent will support all of the above ministries - showing our Lake Harbor kids that they can make a difference in our community! Watch for more Lenten bank details coming soon!!



**Easter Eggstravaganza**  
During Lent, we tend to be more attentive to opening our hearts to Jesus. Everyone is invited to come to breakfast to enjoy other families from church and our community. After breakfast, we'll do some activities that will get us ready for Easter! This is a family friendly event: start with breakfast, and then you can move around to the different activities.

**Easter Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 25 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** If you have questions, contact Kate Robbins or Julie Fuller.



♣ Boy Scout Sunday ♣

**"GOD and ME" Party** will be March 8. **Scouting Sunday will be March 12.**

If you have Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts that we are not aware of, please contact the office so they can be a part of Scouting Sunday.



## Summer Camping

It's that time of year to think about camping ministries for the summer. There are literally camps for everyone with a variety of different interests. Please check out the camp brochure located in the office or on the conference website. **Our church supports each camper with \$100 toward the total cost of a Christian camp.** If you have any questions, please see Niki Epplert or Pastor Mary.

There are also conference scholarships available at [www.umcamping.org/summer-camps](http://www.umcamping.org/summer-camps). Click on "Forms" for more information. There are first-time camper rebates for \$50.00 each on that same link. In addition, Full week camps, weekend camps, mini camps – lots to choose from!

**The Education Team needs your help!** We need delicious baked goods to sell at the Bake Sale on

March 10 & 11 during the Spring Rummage Sale and also between services on March 12. Proceeds will support Lake Harbor's Camp Scholarship Fund and other wonderful events like Vacation Bible



School and Easter and Christmas Outreach events. Please contact Julie Fuller at 231-755-5585 or [fullersu@comcast.net](mailto:fullersu@comcast.net) if you are able to donate treats!

**Women's Bible Study** We are studying "Jesus' Last Week" right now. If you interested in joining a mid-week Bible study class, please come join us. Childcare is provided. We meet in the lounge on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Niki Epplert or call 231-750-2114.



**Men of Lake Harbor:** We're hoping to have a **small group Bible study during the season of Lent.** Please watch the bulletin and other communication for more details.



## **Colossians 2:7**

**Roots will meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the back of the

sanctuary: **March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.** We will be diving deep into Lent. The traditions and practices that made sense then - do they still have the same impact today? Why? Why not? What is our responsibility as followers as we move toward the cross? Invite a friend, and come join us! New people are always welcome and if someone needs a personal invite, please let us know! We would be more than happy to reach out! See you Thursday nights in the Roots area in the back of the sanctuary!

## **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 have 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** practices on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. All children, ages 5 and up, are invited. For more information, contact Diane Thompson at 231-750-5153 or [diane.sj.thompson@gmail.com](mailto: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*

**Gary and Jen Cooper are co-chairpersons of our Missions Team.** If you have a heart for missions, we welcome new members anytime. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE JOIN US!

Please mark your calendars! We host again during the week of April 16 (Easter Day), September 24 and December 3.



## Change the World!



**Our March Noisy Offering** will support **UMCOR's relief efforts for flood victims**, especially cleaning buckets that are given for clean up efforts after floods. There is great need for more resources. ***Change is noisy, but we will gratefully accept currency and checks, too! We'll receive this special offering on March 19.***

**Our February Noisy Offering** raised \$500 for the Supper House Fund. Thank you for your generous support of this important mission!



## **March MAP Items of the Month:**

Macaroni & Cheese and Dish Soap

**Lake Harbor serves at MAP Supper House** on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** and **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday** of each month. This month we serve on **March 7 and 8**. *We can always use new servers!* Please contact Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417 and tell her when you can help serve.

**Lake Harbor serves at MAP Food Pantry on March 20, 22, & 24.** If you're willing to help, talk to Linda Herbert. They could really use some help this time of year.

**Lake Harbor serves at MAP Clothing Closet on March 13, 15, & 17.** Contact Mary Hubbell or Madonna Borgerding if you could help out any of those dates. They could really use some help this time of year.

**Kids Belong Closet** is now located to the area behind the nursery. We're grateful to be a part of housing this important ministry to foster and adoptive families in our community and thankful for all those who help to maintain the closet.

**Kids Belong** is holding a class on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. for foster and adoptive parents.

**Lake Harbor UMC is joining with other churches** to learn more about **refugee resettlement** in our Muskegon area. If you have a heart for this opportunity, the next meeting is Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

## **Membership, Nurture & Outreach (M.N.O.) News:**

We welcome Sheryl Thompson as the new chairperson! 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, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.** Some of our upcoming activities will be supporting the Staff at Ross Park, the Lenten Soup Supper, our 80's + Spring Luncheon and gathering gift cards for our college students during Finals.



**Ross Park outreach opportunity!** March can be a very stressful month for school staff. "STRESSED" spelled backwards is "DESSERTS." So we're **reaching out to Ross Park Elementary on March 13 with a finger food dessert buffet.** Do you have a cookie, muffin, or cupcake you are famous for or one you know is a winner? Please contact Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417 or Myke in the office at 231-798-2181 if you'd like to reach out and encourage our Ross Park staff.



**Join us for a Lenten Soup Supper on Wed., March 22 from 5:00- 7:00 p.m.** in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited for food and fellowship. *We would like to have at least 10 different soups. If you have a favorite soup you'd like to make, please call the office at 231-798-2181 or talk to Sheryl Thompson.*

**Soup Pot Ministry** is available to those who are in need of a meal during difficult times. Please call Marie Kordecki at 231-740-5458 for information. **New cooks are always welcome!**

 Members on the move... 

**Edna Gilbert**  
Christian Care  
1530 McLaughlin #308  
Muskegon, MI 49442

**Jeanne Funnell**  
2129 Vandinther Dr. Apt. 16  
Muskegon, MI 49441

**NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS-** [funyja@comcast.net](mailto:funyja@comcast.net)

**Jerry Smith's home number is (231)780-2067**

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).

**Easter is late this year so...  
the Rummage Sale is early.**



**Spring Rummage Sale is March 10 & 11. Start your Spring Cleaning!**  
Please bring your items downstairs to the Fellowship Hall. **NO** computers or TVs of any

**kind and NO exercise equipment. Set up begins on Tuesday, March 7** at 9:00 a.m. Please put your items behind the double doors.

## **Fellowship Opportunities**



**Sixty Plus or Minus Lunch Bunch meets at The Station** on March 16.

Our host is Corrine All. Sign up is located on the Welcome Center. Please join us!



**Coffee & Crafts** usually meets every other Thursday from 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Due to Rummage Sale week our meeting dates are March 16 and 23.** Everyone is welcome; we usually work on our own crafts. Please join us!

## **Lay Leadership**

Please continue to pray for our leaders and our congregation. We continue to add new members to our committees and teams, and we're grateful for the gifts of each person. If there's an area of ministry you'd like to know more about, please see Pastor Mary.

Please **complete a spiritual gifts inventory - it will help you and help us as a congregation.**

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

[www.ministrymatters.com/spiritualgifts/](http://www.ministrymatters.com/spiritualgifts/)  
[www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/spiritual-gifts-online-assessment)



## **From our Trustees**

We continue to do the important work of maintenance and repair of our physical space so that ministry can happen. Thanks for your support!

## **From your FINANCE Team:**

**Copies of our 2017 budget and Ministry Shares information** are available if you didn't receive them earlier this year. Please contact the office to get a copy.

We praise God that we're meeting our obligations, including our Ministry Shares (our first level of mission giving).

Toward the end of March, you'll receive a letter inviting to make a **special offering for Easter**. This year, those funds will support both Kids' Food Basket and UMCOR's work with refugees. It is a blessing to extend the love of Christ beyond our walls, into our community, and around the world.

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](http://www.lakeharborumc.org):

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

It's easy and stress free!

  **You've Got MAIL...**  

The Thinking of You Group wants to thank Mary Swartz and the Thursday Morning Coffee & Crafts ladies for putting together a pretty little quilt that will be given to a newborn at Lake Harbor. We sure appreciate your help!

Marcia Woodworth

Dear Friends at Lake Harbor,

I wanted to take this time to thank you for your generosity and all the goodies you donated to my 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at Ross Park. All of the supplies were put to GREAT use. Your thoughtfulness truly touched my heart.

I am also very excited to hear that there will be volunteers coming to read with students. This is awesome!

Thanks Again and 😊

Christy Belanger

Dear Lake Harbor Church,

Thank you for the lovely Red Carnation and the beautiful heartfelt cards made by the children. It helps to brighten our day and is greatly appreciated.

Please thank the children for us.

With Love,

Nolan & Sandy Throne

Dear Lake Harbor Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donations of soup from the Souper Bowl Sunday collection. Your support is very much appreciated.

Blessings,

Diane Wright Stubbs, MAP

Dear Lake Harbor Church Family,

Thank all of you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my time of healing from shingles. It is truly a blessing knowing people care.

Sincerely,

Jim Elrod

Thank you Pastor Mary and my Lake Harbor Family for the beautiful Valentines the children made!

I love you all!

Edna Gilbert

Lake Harbor,

Thank you for the flower and Valentines. They were beautiful. I really appreciate it.

Thank you,

Carol Hornyak



**GriefShare** offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. You can join on **Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge**. Weekly sessions will continue through April 3, and the cost is \$15 for a workbook. More information and resources are available at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org). Please share this with family, friends, or neighbors who might benefit.



**The Unity Music Festival 2017** is August 9-12, at Heritage Landing, Please go to [www.unitymusicfestival.com](http://www.unitymusicfestival.com) to volunteer. If you have questions talk to John & Gayle Decker.

**My Preparation for Easter:** The death and resurrection of Christ are true whether or not I prepare for Easter. However, without my heart and life being ready, I may not experience the depth and power of Christ's death and resurrection. So I commit myself to disciplines for conversion from sin and death to love and life in Jesus Christ. I make the following commitments to discipline and growth for the six weeks of Lent 2017 (March 1- Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday - April 16).  
(Check the ones you feel prompted to do; circle the ones you then decide to do.)

### **Inward and Personal Disciplines**

- Spend 5-10 minutes in solitude each day paying attention to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- Worship on Ash Wednesday and every Sunday during the season of Lent (March 5-April 16).
- Participate in a Lenten study small group.
- Worship during Holy Week: Holy Thursday on April 13 and/or Good Friday on April 14.
- Read a book for spiritual growth – Give It Up! is one option!
- Read through the Gospel of John twice.
- Keep a journal of prayer concerns and questions.
- Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.
- Give myself a gift of 3 hours to do something I say I don't have time to do.
- Get enough rest so that I can better serve God.
- Make a list of people with whom I need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.
- Take 1 hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.
- Pray for strength to give up a grudge.
- Exercise at least 3 times every week to better care for my body.
- Pray for strength to forgive someone who has hurt me.
- Dance my prayers to a favorite tape or CD.
- Complete a spiritual gifts inventory and discover how I can share my gifts. (See Pastor Mary for resources.)
- Other inward and personal promptings:

### **Outward and Social Disciplines**

- Take on some loving task:
- Visit a homebound neighbor or friend.
- Write a letter of affirmation to a person who has touched my life.
- Respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service:
- Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.
- Begin to recycle at home.
- Give blood and recall the cross. (*Blood drives are scheduled at Forest Park Covenant Church.*)
- Serve at Supper House on March 7 or 8, Mission for Area People, or another local mission site.
- Make a Lenten offering for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR Sunday is March 26).
- Say "no" to something that is a waste of money and time.
- Pray to God to help me resist racial prejudice and to give me courage in opposing it.
- Decide to become a member of the church and speak to Pastor Mary.
- Rebuke the spirit of criticism and my own tongue out of control.
- Find a way to live out the baptismal promise to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression" in the power God gives us by \_\_\_\_\_
- Share my faith story with someone as a witness to God's grace in my life.
- Other outward and social promptings:

**As a way of being accountable, I will share my plan with at least one other person.**

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sunday Worship Servants**

### **Serving March 5:**

#### **9:00 a.m. Service**

*Worship Leader:* John Decker

*Ushers:* Lew Rousell, Jim Elrod, Harold Phinney,  
Dave Stamy, Doris Elrod, Pat Lathrop

*Outside Attendant:* Dave Stamy

*Greeter:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Computer:* Glenn Chilson *Camera:* Dena Chilson

*Sound:* Rob Mertz

*Coffee Hosts:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Altar Guild:* Carol Bodenbergl

*Counters:* Mary Hubbell, Viv Nelund

#### **11:00 a.m. Service:**

*Worship Leader:* Brad Hilleary

*Greeters:* Niki Epplert, Sheryl Thompson

*Set-up:* Chris Beaudoin

*Computer:* Ivan Ivanov *Sound:* Ron Zuker

### **Serving March 12:**

#### **9:00 a.m. Service**

*Worship Leader:* John Decker

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

*Outside Attendant:* Jim Post

*Greeter:* Scouts \_\_\_\_\_

*Computer:* Dave Stamy *Camera:* Karen Booth

*Sound:* David Booth

*Coffee Hosts:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Altar Guild:* Jeanne Funnell

*Counters:* Madonna Borgerding, Jeanne Funnell

#### **11:00 a.m. Service:**

*Worship Leader:* Dirk Fuller

*Greeters:* Niki Epplert, Rev. Gil & Sara Boersma

*Set-up:* Vicki Zuker

*Computer:* Jim Grace *Sound:* Karen Grace

### **Serving March 19:**

#### **9:00 a.m. Service**

*Worship Leader:* John Decker

*Ushers:* Fred Yonkers, Pat Yonkers, John Bellamy,  
Rob Mertz, Kathy Mertz, Jeff Stone, Rod Moon,

Harold Phinney *Outside Attendant:* Rod Moon

*Greeter:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Computer:* Ivan Ivanov *Camera:* Lisa Kasmauski

*Sound:* Deb Moon

*Coffee Hosts:*

*Altar Guild:* Doris Elrod

*Counters:* Mary Hubbell, Viv Nelund

#### **11:00 a.m. Service:**

*Worship Leader:* Chris Beaudoin

*Greeter:* Julie Brott & Niki Epplert

*Set-up:* Jane Robbins

*Computer:* Jason Colella *Sound:* Jasmine Beaudoin

### **Serving March 26:**

#### **9:00 a.m. Service**

*Worship Leader:* J John Decker

*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:* Rob Mertz

*Coffee Hosts:* Tom & Dawn Van Dyke

*Altar Guild:* Betty Kinney

*Counters:* Madonna Borgerding, Jeanne Funnell

#### **11:00 a.m. Service:**

*Worship Leader:* Rose Emmons

*Greeter:* Dirk Fuller

*Set-up:* Rose Emmons

*Computer:* Steve Umstead *Sound:* Patrick Miles

