



# LAKE HARBOR UMC's Harbor Light



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

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**In our house, April is birthday month.** Both Ana and Luka were born in April, so Holy Week and Easter are usually surrounded by celebrations with cake and gifts. It's **an interesting convergence of new life, hope, and thanksgiving.**

This year, Ana's wish was to see **"Beauty and the Beast"** with a group of friends to celebrate her birthday. It was strange to see a live-action remake of the 1991 animated Disney film that was so popular when I was her age. But (thankfully) the filmmakers stuck fairly close to the original storyline and "look."

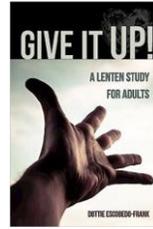
I thought about our life together as a community of faith where **we seek to share the Good News of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. It's a story that doesn't change, but we have to tell it in new and relevant ways to reach new people.**

**I'm praying for all of us as we continue our Lenten journey and as Holy Week begins.** I hope that you'll be in worship not only on Sundays, but also during Holy Week. We're blessed with wonderful opportunities for passionate and meaningful worship, and I'm grateful for the "team effort" of creating sacred space to worship God. (See more details on the next page!)

*This is a journey with Jesus **through** his life and ministry. We cannot fully celebrate the joy of resurrection without first experiencing grief, pain, and death. **Make the time** to participate – maybe even try something you haven't before! **Invite** a family member, friend, neighbor, or co-worker to join you. **Read** through one of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) during Holy Week as a reminder of the whole picture of Jesus' life and ministry and his death and resurrection.*

See you on Sunday – and during Holy Week,

*Pastor Mary*



We still have copies of our Lenten study book **Give It Up!** by Dottie Escobedo-Frank. Copies are available at the Welcome Center for \$9.00. There are some **great challenges for us on giving up what holds us back from a deeper relationship with God.**



**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.

**Church membership classes will be held on two Sundays, April 23 and April 30 from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** If you're interested in attending, please contact Pastor Mary at the office (231-798-2181) or via E-mail at lakeharbor@aol.com.



**We welcome Smeeta**

**Thompson** to the Lake Harbor UMC staff. Smeeta will be our new Treasurer. She brings great organizational skills and an openness to learning. We're also grateful that Cyndi Barefoot will help to train Smeeta for this

new position. Make sure you introduce yourself if you see Smeeta in the office!

Again, a word of thanks to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee for their prayerful, faithful work in meeting needs for staff to help fulfill our to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### **“Giving It Up”**

#### **April 2, 2017: “Giving Up Our Lives”**

*Scripture:* John 11: 1-45; Ezekiel 37: 1-14

*Synopsis:* God creates life from death, nothingness, and hopeless. The Bible is full of such paradoxes, as Jesus tells us that those who try to keep their lives will die, but those who give up their lives for others will live. We are used to thinking of life in terms of fixed beginnings and ends, but the story of Jesus calls us to throw away our old categories and embrace God’s larger vision of eternal life that begins here and now.

#### **April 9, 2017: “Giving Up Popularity”**

Jimmy Epplett, Director of Youth Ministries, will share the message on Palm Sunday.

*Scripture:* Matthew 21: 1-11

*Synopsis:* What a welcome Jesus got as he entered Jerusalem. “Hosanna!” the people cried, hailing him as an honored king. The crowds loved Jesus on Palm Sunday, but just a few days later a different crowd was calling for his death and the release of a murderer. Popularity and acclaim in the eyes of others is fleeting, and if we put all our faith in it we will be very disappointed. Instead, God calls us to put our faith in God’s unending love and grace – something that will never go away, and will sustain us through the times when others have abandoned us.

#### **Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.**

Join us for a **potluck style meal** where we’ll share **finger food** similar to what Jesus and his disciples shared on this night: nuts, dried and fresh fruit, bread, crackers, cheese, hard boiled eggs, olives, vegetables, etc. Bring a dish to share - nothing too messy please as we only have silverware for serving, not eating. Juice, coffee, water, and table service provided.

#### **Holy Thursday Worship, April 13, 7:00 p.m.:**

**“Giving Up Selfishness”**

*Scripture:* John 13: 1-7, 3: 31-31

*Synopsis:* Jesus models what he wants us to do when he washes his disciples’ feet. Living selflessly instead of selfishly is a hallmark of Christian practice, but it means we’re standing up against a culture where “me first” is the dominant way of being.

**NOTE:** Wear footwear that is easily removed if you wish to participate in foot washing.

**8:30 p.m. Thursday – 11:30 a.m. Friday:**

**Prayer Vigil:** This is a powerful opportunity to offer the gift of time to God in prayer – prayers for ourselves, our church, community, and world, and especially those concerns that are gathered up for the vigil that might never be voiced aloud in worship. It is a time to be connected to the community of faith and meditate on Jesus’ sacrifice. For many, this is a highlight of Holy Week activities.

#### **Fri., April 14, 2017 at noon at Crestwood UMC:**

**“Love Light: A Tenebrae Service”:** Tenebrae is a service dating from the 8th century. Candles are extinguished one by one to commemorate the suffering and death of Christ. The candles being extinguished represents the darkness that overcame the earth as Jesus, the Light of the world, was crucified. Worship will incorporate Scripture, drama, and music with seven congregations participating.

#### **Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. at Mona Lake**

#### **April 16, 2017: “Giving Up Death”**

*Scripture:* John 20: 1-18; Acts 10: 34-43

*Synopsis:* Jesus’ rising on Easter morning was more than a showy miracle to shock and awe his attackers and followers. When Jesus rose, he turned the entire order of the universe on its head. The Resurrection shows us that Death does not have the last word. God has the last word, and that word is Life. Suffering and Death end, but God’s Kingdom lasts forever.

**After Easter, we begin a new series called “Faith of Our Mothers.”** We’ll focus on women from the Old Testament and what they teach us about faith, trust, and action to participate in God’s saving work.

**April 23, 2017: “Rise Up and Resist”**

*Scripture:* Exodus 1

*Synopsis:* **Shiphrah** and **Puah** were Hebrew midwives who resisted Pharaoh’s demands to destroy Hebrew boys. They risked doing saving work because of their faith in God. How is God calling us to resist evil? As we celebrate the power of new life in resurrection, where are we bringing new life into the world by acting out our faith?

**April 30, 2017: “Sister Act”**

*Scripture:* Exodus 1: 22-2: 10, Exodus 15: 20-21

*Synopsis:* **Miriam** watches the drama unfold as her baby brother, Moses, is saved from the Nile River and later she sings a song of praise after the Israelites find freedom from Pharaoh and slavery in Egypt. Her trust in God is evident even in the “what if” moments. How can we trust in God even when the future is uncertain?



**May 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.:**

Children’s Sunday

Author **Glenys Nellist** will join us to share the story of Esther. Learn

more about her: [www.glenystnellist.com](http://www.glenystnellist.com)

*Worship Connections Teams*

**Worship Connections Calendar**

Mon., April 3	2:00 PM	Worship Team
Mon., April 10	2:00 PM	Worship Team
Th., April 13	7:00 PM	Holy Thursday Worship
	8:30 PM	Prayer Vigil
		(through 11:00 a.m. Friday)
Fri., April 14	NOON	Good Friday Worship <b>at Crestwood UMC</b>
Mon., April 17	2:00 PM	Worship Team
Mon., April 24	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.

*Don't be anxious about anything!*

Philippians 4:6

**Monthly Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 26 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.

**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 without permission.

**Remember in Prayer:** Lauma Vilums, Sue Graves, Chris Vallier, Snowbirds, Those battling cancer, Homebound Members, Families of Evelyn Nelson, Connie Rueger, and Char Cowan, Families grieving losses, and the ministries of Pastor Mary & Jimmy Epplert.

**Women’s Prayer Group** meets **Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.** We’ve moved upstairs across from the Lounge. 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 **Montague UMC on Saturday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m.** Plan on attending for a time of fellowship. Questions? Call Ron Zuker at 231-750-3912.



## Radical Hospitality

**Remember that hospitality is everyone's role** as we seek to

welcome all in the name of Jesus! You may see new faces during Holy Week and Easter. Make sure that every person is warmly welcomed when they come to worship!



## INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Look for opportunities to **be involved in a small group for Bible study and spiritual formation**. Both 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). There is Bible study on Tuesday morning and Wednesday night, and we praise God for **a new opportunity for men** to meet together for study and fellowship on Wednesday nights! Please **continue to pray for our confirmation class** - Skylar Epplett, Ana Ivanov, and Sam Sroka – as they learn together!

**Women's Bible Study:** We're studying "Jesus' Last Week" thru mid-April, then we'll be studying Romans. If you're interested, please come! Childcare is provided. We meet in the Lounge on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. If you have any questions, see Niki Epplett or call 231-750-2114.



**Men of Lake Harbor:** Our small group Bible study continues to **meet on**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Questions? See Jim Post or Ron Zuker.



**Roots is meeting April 13, 20 and 27.** April 13 will be a combined time of worship and fellowship as we join

others for the Holy Thursday potluck and worship. On April 20, we'll be serving Family Promise guests. On April 27, we'll start our new series called "Now What?"

# Lake Harbor Youth Groups



**Youth Group for middle school and high school students meets on Wednesdays:** April 12, 19 and 26. Just an FYI: **We will not meet on April 5** due to Spring Break.

**Chili Cook Off** was a huge success! Thanks to our chili chefs and our chili connoisseurs. Camden Epplett was crowned 2017 Chili Champ. The real winners are the 2017 Mission Team as they raised \$949.50 for their trip to Leech Lake Reservation in Minnesota. Thanks again for all your support!



Thank you to everyone who supported our tasty fundraiser! We hope you love them as much as we love making them for you!

PEACE AND LOVE, JIMMY  
Jimmy Epplett, Director of Youth Ministries  
231-750-9707 (Cell)



Egg Hunt for Kids

Lake Harbor UMC, Lakeside Neighborhood Association and Family Promise will be putting on the Annual **Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 p.m.** The LNA organizes the candy

scramble, and we'll organize games and crafts for after the scramble. We all donate candy and it turns out to be quite a fun group effort!

**If you'd like to donate candy,** a marked tub will be in the back of the sanctuary marked "Easter Egg Hunt" to collect your donations.

**If you'd like to come over and have some fun with us** on that Saturday, please let Kate Robbins know. We'll also be **filling plastic eggs with jelly beans on Wednesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.** and extra hands make fast work with this task!





**APRIL BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS** to our Sunday School and VBS friends:

- Aurora Morin on the 9
- Luka Ivanov on the 15
- Sawyer Carefelle on the 21
- Gavin & Kamden Cross on the 21
- Thomas Sperry on the 23
- Tenley Kennert on the 26

**MANY THANKS** to Mary Travis for donating a number of heavy-duty cardboard tubes to the education department. We will surely find good use for them in future project construction!

**DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE!** Speaking of cardboard... if you have boxes at home that you wish to part with, consider recycling them for this summer's VBS program. Please leave any boxes, shoebox size or larger, in the yellow pre-K classroom downstairs, or contact Lynne Richmond (616-607-7062) for other arrangements. Thanks so much!

**Scouting Sunday was a great celebration!** We give thanks for the opportunity to host the "God and Me" class – and for 10 Cub Scouts who earned their medal: Ethan Fuller, Camden Epplert, Gavin Cross, Kamden Cross, Derek Gierzak, Lucas Pastucha, Damien West, Cole Hansen, Colton Bussing, and Alex Hartmann.



**The Education Team Bake sale raised \$621.53!** We so appreciate the delicious baked goods that were donated. Proceeds will support Lake Harbor's Camp Scholarship Fund and other wonderful events like Vacation Bible School and Easter and Christmas Outreach events.



**Summer Camp**

There are camps for everyone with a variety of different interests. There are week-long camps, weekend camps, mini camps – lots to choose from! 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.

**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, April 9 and 23 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!**

**We are so grateful** to Dr. Adam Kuipers of the **Smile Center** and Dr. Jessica Bodenberg of **Great Lakes Dental** for their donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, and floss. We wrapped up our **Loving Large** series by putting our faith in action. Many of you helped as we put together **100 Blessing Bags for the Muskegon Rescue**

**Mission and decorated bags for Kids Food Basket.** It was a great day to put our faith into action and change the world!



**We host Family Promise on April 16-23.** We start on Easter Sunday this year! 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. Please mark your calendars! We host again during the week of Sept. 24 and Dec. 3.



**Change the World!**



**Our April Noisy Offering** will support Lake Harbor's **Vacation Bible School fund**, coming up at the end of June. This year, the theme is **HERO CENTRAL – Discover Your Strength in God**. Your generosity helps us to provide all of the supplies to make VBS a wonderful time of learning and growing for kids!

***Change is noisy, but we will gratefully accept currency and checks, too!*** **We'll receive this special offering on Easter Sunday, April 16.**

**Our March Noisy Offering** raised **\$458** for **UMCOR's relief efforts for flood victims**. Thank you for your generous support of this important mission! We also celebrate a wonderful offering for **UMCOR Sunday - \$600 so far!**



**April's MAP Items of the Month:**

Pork & Beans and Laundry Soap

**Lake Harbor serves at MAP Supper House** on the **1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** of each month. This month we serve on **April 4**. *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 **April 3, 5, & 7**. If you're willing to help, talk to Linda Herbert.

**Lake Harbor serves at MAP Clothing Closet** on **April 24, 26, & 28**. Contact Mary Hubbell or Madonna Borgerding if you could help out any of those dates.

Both of these ministries are always looking for new people to serve!

**Kids Belong Closet** is 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. NOTE: Class **will not meet on April 3** during Spring Break.

**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, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church.

## **Membership, Nurture &**

### **Outreach (M.N.O.) News:**

Sheryl Thompson chairs M.N.O., and new members are welcome anytime. Please contact Myke Bos in the office at 231-798-2181 if you're interested in joining this team.

We **delivered goodies to our Ross Park staff** on March 13, and they were excited for the treats! We also **blessed the para-professionals** with a special token of appreciation for their dedication! Please continue to hold them and all our educators in your prayers!

Our next meeting is **Thursday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m.** Our upcoming activities are: our 80+ Spring Luncheon and gathering gift cards for our college students as they prepare for their final exams.

**Spring 80+ Luncheon** will be **Wednesday, April 26** at noon. This is a great time of fellowship with friends and chance to meet new people.



**THANKS to everyone who participated in the Soup Supper!**

There was a huge variety of soups and delicious desserts, and as always, the fellowship was great! Our soup chefs were: Carol Bodenberg Pastor Mary Rich McMahan Marilyn Forton Kathy Crago Bonnie Jorgenson Marie Kordecki Sheryl Thompson Cyndi Juhnke Marcia Woodworth Myke Bos Thanks to those who provided desserts and bread: Jean Kelly, Jill McMahan, Lynne Richmond.



**College Student Care Cards:** During the next few weeks, our college students will be preparing to take final exams to finish up another semester. We'd like to support and reach out to our college students by sending a card, note, and a gift card.

We're asking our Lake Harbor congregation to donate \$5.00 cash or a \$5.00 Starbucks or Subway gift card toward this ministry. Cards and gift cards will be mailed out by April 20. If you'd like to help, please place \$5.00 cash or check or \$5.00 gift card donations in an envelope marked "College Student Outreach" in the offering plate on April 2, 9 or 16 or bring in to the church office. Please contact the office with questions at 231-798-2181 [lakeharbor@aol.com](mailto:lakeharbor@aol.com). Thank you!



**Graduation Sunday**



We'll recognize **High School and College Graduates on Sunday, May 21.** Please let our church secretary, Myke Bos, know if you have a graduate to be added to our list. We also need: a small picture of the graduate, degree info, and future plans. **Deadline is May 17.**  
**December 2016 College Grads: We want to include you, too!**

**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 on how to help out. **New cooks are always welcome!**

**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.

**Ross Park Readers**

*A reflection from Jill Warren:*



Would you like to mentor a child through a classroom connection? Come and join us and **become a Ross Park Reader.**

We mentor at least one day a week for an hour or more and listen to children read. Some of the children need to become more fluent, and having an adult listen to them is a nonjudgmental place to pursue this expectation. Other students need a caring adult who will give them one-on-one time to talk, play a game, and/or just listen. My mentees need to build their self-esteem with a good listener by their side, and I love serving. The icing on the cake is that the students' classroom teacher was one of my students at Grand Valley fourteen years ago. I began working with just two students and now teach and learn with four children. Now as I enter retirement, I don't need to leave teaching at all. God has called me back to the elementary-aged children I taught so many years ago and His plan is such a blessing.

***Members on the move...***

**Chris & Courtney Vallier**  
213 Clinton  
Grand Haven, MI 49417

**Josephine Griswold**  
c/o Tannor  
2301 Edgewood Ave. SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546-5703

**Dick Cornell**  
Seminole Shores Assisted Living Center  
850 Seminole Rd. F-15  
Norton Shores, MI 49441  
231-780-2141

Please keep the office informed when you're moving or changing phone numbers or e-mail.

## Fellowship Opportunities



**Sixty Plus or Minus Lunch Bunch meets at Whitlow's** on Thursday, April 20. Our host is Freda Barefoot.

Sign up is located on the tower by the Welcome Center. Please join us!



**Coffee & Crafts** usually meets every other Thursday from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

**This month, we meet on April 6 and April 20.**

Everyone is welcome; we usually work on our own crafts. Please join us!

## Lay Leadership

**We're grateful for so many faithful leaders** at Lake Harbor. Please **continue to pray for one another as we seek God's will and way** for our lives and our congregation. Take some time to reflect on our mission and vision:

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

*Our vision is for all people to experience the love of Jesus. Our call is Love: welcoming all, empowered by Christ, sent forth to serve.*

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)

## Memorial Garden Team

We're all looking forward to a great Spring! Ground Control has been scheduled for Spring clean-up in early April. **We'll host a coffee "open garden" on Sunday, May 21.** Please come and browse the garden. As always, we appreciate any helpers we can get! Contact Chairperson Laura Maniaci if you'd like to be involved.

**Stay connected** to our **Michigan Area UMC** at <http://michiganumc.org/> and our **GR District** at <http://grand-rapids.michiganumc.org/> and **Lake Harbor UMC** <http://lakeharborumc.org/>

## From our Trustees

**A HUGE THANKS** to Larry Swisher, Tom Van Dyke and Ron Zuker for all their work in cleaning the carpets at Lake Harbor.

Also, **special thanks to our Women's Group** for purchasing our new bench by the main entrance and two dry erase board cabinets in the Adult Sunday School classrooms.

**Take a look at the Library's facelift!** New paint and new carpet are a blessing! Thanks to Tom VanDyke for prepping the walls for painting and helping with the project.

We recently had an **energy audit** and were able to get some great information and upgrades.

## From your FINANCE Team:

Larry Swisher serves as chairperson, and we're grateful for this team.

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

Hopefully you've received a letter inviting to make a **special offering for Easter to support both Kids' Food Basket and UMCOR's work with refugees.**

Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of extending the love of Christ beyond our walls, into our community, and around the world – and offering new life and hope.

## Electronic Giving

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit card or debit card. Electronic giving offers We welcome 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!



A really nice Thank You card came from the Staff at Ross Park Elementary thanking us for all the treats we delivered in March. It is located on the tower – take a look!

Dear Friends at Lake Harbor UMC,  
 Thanks for the kindness you've shown.  
 Thank you for including me as someone you appreciate. It means so much to me. I was so surprised to see the gift card. You have been more than kind.  
 Linda Griffin, Para-pro at Ross Park Elementary

Dear Lake Harbor Family,  
 Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits from Pastor Mary and all the delicious meals. We have been overwhelmed with your caring. Greg is on the mend and feeling better. Blessings to you all,  
 Renee & Greg Hoadley

Hi Lake Harbor Church,  
 Thank you for the carnation and the cards made by the children. They were lovely and I appreciate it very much. Thanks again,  
 Virginia (Ginny) Reynolds

Dear Lake Harbor UMC,  
 I am writing on behalf of SAFE (Soldiers And Families Embraced) to thank you for your kind support. We have been able to achieve many goals and touch many lives and this would not be possible without caring individuals like you.  
 Sincerely,  
 Rev. Jodi McCullah, Executive Director, SAFE



**GriefShare** offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. **We're wrapping up our current session tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.** Our next 13-week session will start in August. Thank you for your prayers for our team of facilitators and for participants.



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

The best priced UNITY tickets are only available through the church and are available during April and May. Contact Niki Epplert or the office at [lakeharbor@aol.com](mailto:lakeharbor@aol.com) or call (231)798-2181.



## NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL HIKE



**WHO:** All men of Lake Harbor UMC who enjoy the outdoors, and are able to hike 6 miles. Please wear adequate footwear!

**WHAT & WHERE:** An afternoon outing - NW of Newaygo, just into the southern part of the Huron-Manistee National Forest. The NCT runs from New York to North Dakota. Not all segments are completed. It passes through State and National forests. We'll start at the Parks and Recreation Office just north of Newaygo at 4684 Evergreen Dr. The plan is for no more than 2 hours of hiking, and the needs all members of the group will be accommodated.

**WHEN: Saturday, April 22** (April 29 is the alternate day in case of rain or severe weather) Gather at 2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot to carpool. We'll arrive at the Parks and Recreation Office around 3:00 p.m. We'll explore the trail, decide if we want to stop to eat afterwards, and return to Muskegon by 7:00 p.m. or earlier.

Please call or text Gil Boersma at 231-557-5640 with any questions. I'm bringing my dog, an Icelandic Sheepdog, who knows how to run trails off leash. If you have a dog that you want to bring, please call me!



Make sure you've joined our group (Lake Harbor UMC) and/or "liked" our page (Lake Harbor United Methodist Church).

# **Sunday Worship Servants**

## **Serving April 2:**

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

*Worship Leader:* Dave Stamy

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

*Outside Attendant:* Dave Stamy

*Greeter:* Dave Cook

*Computer:* Karen Booth *Camera:* Deb Moon

*Sound:* David Booth

*Coffee Hosts:* Ivanov Family

*Altar Guild:* Carol Bodenbergl

*Counters:* Mary Hubbell, Lynn Vanderberg

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

*Worship Leader:* Brad Hilleary

*Greeters:* Sheryl Thompson, June Turner

*Set-up:* Jane Robbins

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

## **Serving April 9:**

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

*Worship Leader:* Dave Stamy

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

*Greeter:* Chris & Carol Donohue

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

*Sound:* Deb Moon

*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:* Steve Umstead *Sound:* Patrick Miles

## **Serving April 16:**

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

*Worship Leader:* Dave Stamy

*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:* Rob Mertz

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

*Altar Guild:* Linda Herbert

*Counters:* Mary Hubbell, Viv Nelund

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

*Worship Leader:* Chris Beaudoin

*Greeter:* Julie Brott & Niki Epplert

*Set-up:* Chris Beaudoin

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

## **Serving April 23:**

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

*Worship Leader:* Dave Stamy

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

*Altar Guild:* Betty Kinney

*Counters:* Madonna Borgerding, Al Winslow

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

*Worship Leader:* Rose Emmons

*Greeter:* Dirk Fuller *Set-up:* Rose Emmons

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

## **Serving April 30:**

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

*Worship Leader:* Dave Stamy

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

*Greeters:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Computer:* Karen Booth *Camera:* Deb Moon

*Sound:* Dave Booth

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

*Altar Guild:* Carol Bodenbergl

*Counters:* Mary Hubbell, Steve Hill

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

*Worship Leader:* Brad Hilleary

*Greeter:* Sheryl Thompson

*Set-up:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Computer:* Ivan Ivanov *Sound:* \_\_\_\_\_