

LAKE HARBOR UMC's Harbor Light



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*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

“Simple Gifts” is a simple song was written in the mid-1800’s. I’ve always been challenged by the words – **the connection between living simply and finding freedom.** In the midst of a busy season and our focus on joy – and all the buzz about living more simply and finding more joy – I’m sharing **thoughts from Julie Brott** on her experience of working as a travel therapist. I hope you hear the challenge like I did – especially as we enter into the season of Advent!

And if you want more statistics about how much “stuff” we have, here’s a link:

https://www.intellectualltakeout.org/blog/15-stats-show-americans-are-drowning-stuff?fbclid=IwAR0EEDg4kq0ifduWgYQGc3blQCiUxsZVlozlmVjagCAQJ_e6oEtOC2nzvRc

See you on Sunday,

Pastor Mary

Living Simply: A Challenge for All by Julie Brott
As a traveling therapist, there have been many miles traveled and many lessons learned along the way. I have moved 8 times in the last year - almost once a month! Every time I move, I have to pack my car and empty it. I’m not a big fan of manual labor, so I’ve learned to travel with as little as possible! (I also enlist help of anyone who will help!)



Each time I’ve moved, I’ve reduced the number of items I need to carry in and out of my car and pack as much as I can into my suitcases to utilize the rolling feature! I now

travel with only 4 plastic totes, 2 large suitcases and 1 small suitcases, as well as a few soft totes that can be “squished” behind my front seats.

I try to donate an item of clothing I no longer wear each time I buy a new item. This helps to curb my buying as well as keeping me from adding to my wardrobe! And if I haven’t worn it in a year, I get rid of it!

WHAT DO I REALLY NEED? That’s what I ask myself every time I move!

What do YOU really NEED?

Can you part with 50 of the 100 T-shirts in your closet?

Can you live without one box of jewelry you have stored somewhere?

How many pairs of flip flops do you really NEED? Is your sock drawer hard to close?

Can you donate 20 or 30 vases to a florist?

Do you even know what all those kitchen gadgets are in the drawer?

Are there books on your bookshelves you could donate?

Are there bookcases you could donate?

When will you stop collecting old cell phones, cordless phones, calculators, or electronic games? Did you know that you could get cash for old cell phones?

You get the idea! **We fill our lives with “stuff” and then store it – and then we buy bigger houses, rent storage units to store more of it!** And why? Does it make our life more meaningful?

I challenge each of you to find a box and fill it with “stuff” you don’t use or wear anymore. Donate it. Recycle it. Repurpose it. Share it. Get rid of it! Do this once a month! I promise - nothing bad will happen! **It’s freeing!** And you can help others in the process.

“Heaven and Nature Sing”



“Joy to the World,” a beloved Christmas classic, turns 300 this year. Composer Isaac

Watts’ interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a “new song” – and it’s a powerful cosmic performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Rather than “joy” being yet another word for “happiness,” we’ll discover that the depths of joy can be found especially in the midst of suffering, the work of justice, and the presence of compassion - all part of the coming of Jesus to this world and a message the world still so desperately needs.

December 1, 2019:

“Prepare Him Room – Hopeful Joy”

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 11-14

Synopsis: The season of Advent is a time of anticipation as we wait and prepare with hope for the birth of Jesus, and we’re called to wait actively. Opening ourselves to a different perspective can bring a sense of hope in the midst of despair – allowing joy to creep in no matter what. Opening to the perspectives of others can shift our fear to compassion, turning swords into plows. Salvation is near, says the scripture, when we wake up, when we prepare room in our lives for new Light, new insight, new hope to enter.

December 8, 2019:

“Repeat the Sounding Joy – Loving Joy”

Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Matthew 3: 1-12

Synopsis: Music can resonate in our soul so powerfully that we can’t help but join in. That’s the vision of “Joy to the World” as the reverberating phrase urges us to “repeat the sounding joy” of the good news of Love. The prophet Isaiah offers a vision of radical love, and we’re invited to claim God’s vision and work for it.

December 15, 2019:

“Make the Blessings Known – Unabashed Joy”

Scripture: Isaiah 35: 1-10; Luke 1: 46b-55

Synopsis: Joy doesn’t wait for the struggle to be over. Mary “rejoices” during her pregnancy, a state of affairs that would have put her in a position of dishonor among her people. She sings out powerfully because she knows that this turn of events will usher in the Presence of justice for the oppressed and freedom for the captive. What happens when we join in her prophetic chorus of joy?

Blue Christmas

December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.: “Elusive Joy”

Scripture: Psalm 30:5b; Luke 2: 1-7; John 19: 25b-27

Synopsis: The holidays can be a difficult time for those who are dealing with any loss, and any word about joy can seem, at first, especially difficult to withstand. Joy might indeed be elusive. But the phrase from the Psalmist, “joy comes in the morning” could also be “joy comes in the mourning.” Joy is not about denying suffering, but rather embracing the depths of all of life’s emotions so that we feel the heights as well. Joy is possible when we understand suffering as a part of our call to compassion and love. This service will allow for sacred grief and for a sparking of the flames of hope and gratitude.

December 22, 2019:

“Make the Nations Prove – Peaceful Joy”

Scripture: Isaiah 7: 10-16; Matthew 1: 18-25

Synopsis: Emmanuel means “God with us.” We continue to yearn for “Emmanuel” with those who have come before us – for God to become so present that God’s peace, truth, love, and justice reign among all the world and bring balance to what feels out-of-sorts. Psalm 98 names the joyful expression of all creation as the response to the news that the Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, is coming at long last.

December 24, 2019 at 6:00 & 11:00 p.m.:

“The Lord Is Come – Incarnate Joy”

Scripture: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 96; Luke 2: 8-20

Synopsis: “Joy to the World, the Lord is come!”

We celebrate the world-altering truth of the in breaking, indwelling, incarnation of the Holy One among us. It changes our lives, our outlook, and our world forever – and offers us “deep joy.” This is not simply happiness, which can be fleeting, but the promise that – no matter what – God is with us, God is seeking to be born in us again, and God will sustain us for the long haul.

December 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.:

“Wonders of His Love – Compassionate Joy”

Scripture: Isaiah 63: 7-9; Psalm 148; Matthew 2: 13-23

Synopsis: As we live in the joy of Christmas, we encounter the rest of the story – a fearful and vengeful ruler who has it out for the newborn “King” Jesus and takes it out on the children of the land. The cruelty of the story is hard to fathom, and we’re challenged to consider what it means to live joyfully and seek justice in the midst of a world in pain.

Worship Connections Teams

Worship Connections Calendar

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| Mon., Dec. 2 2:00 PM | Worship Team |
| *Mon., Dec. 9 12:00 PM | Lunch & Brainstorming for “Star Words” |
| Mon., Dec. 16 2:00 PM | Worship Team |
| Mon., Dec. 23 1:00 PM | Worship Team
Work Session |
| Mon., Dec. 30 2:00 PM | Worship Team
Work Session |

Worship Team meetings are open to everyone. Karen Booth leads Worship Connections Team which meets most Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Karen (231-798-8431 or kwbooth@comcast.net) for more details. Vicki Zuker leads the Celebration Team. Please contact Vicki (231-759-8848 or zukerr@comcast.net) for more details.



“Star Words: A Spiritual Practice For Epiphany and Beyond”

Worship Brainstorming

2020 Theme: 20/20 Vision

Monday, December 9, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

The worship brainstorming will be held at church in the Lounge. We’ll have a potluck lunch at noon. Please bring a dish to share. Brainstorming is from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

People yearn for tangible, clear signs of God’s presence. We’ll offer people a chance to focus on one gift/word for all of 2020. People will be invited to ponder what significance this word might have in their lives - and how God might be speaking to them through that simple message. Each of the more than 150 words has its own message and significance. Like the magi, these words allow us all to go home by another road, our eyes opened to God’s presence in and around us. More information about each week’s Scripture readings and message will be available at church. RSVP to Karen Booth at kwbooth@comcast.net or 231-798-8431 or 231-557-1069 or by signing up at church.

LAKE HARBOR’S MUSIC MINISTRY



“God gave us music, that we might pray without words”

Chancel Choir rehearses on **Wednesdays – Dec. 4 & 18 and Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. All are welcome. Come, join us “make a joyful noise to the Lord!”



Alleluia Grace Note Ringers (hand bell choir) rehearses on **Sundays from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the bell room downstairs. Please join us! We’d love to have you!



HAND CHIME CHOIR will be part of the *Christmas Eve service on December 24 at 6:00 p.m.* They

practice every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Diane Thompson at 231-750-5153 or diane.sj.thompson@gmail.com.

Coffee Hosts are an important part of our hospitality ministry. Please sign up on the back tower to serve.

Coffee Host 101

- ☞ Anyone can do it; get a few friends together.
 - ☞ Coffee is prepared for you.
 - ☞ 9-10 dozen cookies are needed.
 - ☞ Money collected goes towards supplies
- Coffee Hosts are an important part of our welcoming ministry! Please sign up on the tower.

“Lord, Hear our Prayers...”

December Prayer Service will meet on **Wed., Dec. 18 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 and/or at the front of the sanctuary at 10:55 a.m. **Everyone is welcome to join in our circle!** It's a wonderful way to support Pastor Mary and our congregation with prayer.

Lake Harbor's Prayer Chain is an important ministry to our congregation and community. Contact LHUMC office at 231-798-2181 OR **Office@LakeHarborUMC.org** if you want to be included on the chain. FYI: Prayer requests are not shared or published without permission.

 **Remember in Prayer:** Those recovering from surgery and fighting cancer, Homebound members and friends, Families grieving losses, GriefShare participants, Military personnel and their families, and Pastor Mary & our staff.

In My Father's House: Louise TerBorg, November 14, 2019. Louise is the mother of Gayle & Brad DuPrey. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family.

In My Father's House: Helen Riehl, November 24, 2019. Helen was a long time member of Lake Harbor. Our sympathy and prayers are with her family.

Women's Prayer Group will meet **Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10:00 a.m.** in the room across from the Lounge. We'll be using prayer beads. If you have beads, please bring them. If you don't have a set of prayer beads, we'll have some extra sets. Hope to see you for some quiet time with God. Questions? Call Vicki Zuker at 231-759-8848.



Muskegon Methodist Men's Breakfast is **Saturday, Dec. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at Central UMC.** Please let Ron Zuker know if you plan to attend at 231-750-3912.



Lake Harbor UMC is participating in the **Prison Ministry Angel Tree**. You'll receive the name of a child whose parent is incarcerated. You're asked to buy a gift valued between \$20 and \$25 and **return the wrapped gift with the tag** to church. Please see Jim Post to pick up a tag with the child's name, age, and possibly a suggested gift idea. **Please return the gift to Ron Zuker or Jim Post by Sunday, Dec 8.**



Radical Hospitality

“Let every heart prepare Him room...”

As we reflect on the words from “Joy to the World,” we're challenged to “make room” for Jesus to be born in our hearts again. But it's not just about our personal relationship with God.

**Don't just ATTEND your church - LOVE your church.
Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate!**

**How are we making room for others in our lives and in the church to experience God's grace?
We have special**

invitation cards for you to share with family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and anyone else who's on your heart.



INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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

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

We can't make disciples unless we are disciples. Get connected to one of the great opportunities for Bible study to grow in faith and knowledge!

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Beginning December 1st,
Read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.

There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve you will have read
an entire account of Jesus's Life
and wake up Christmas Morning
Knowing WHO and WHY
We Celebrate!!

Tuesday morning Bible Study meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge. **We're making our way through the Minor Prophets** in the Old Testament from Hosea to Malachi – and hearing the challenge from them to live faithfully. Join us for deep study and lively conversation!

Men's Bible Study meets on **Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** We'll be doing an Advent Study led by Mike Layman. We'd love to have you join us! Questions? Call Ron Zuker at 231-750-3912.



Women's Bible Study: We meet from **6:30-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings** and always welcome new friends. This group is made up of all generations. There's no homework, and childcare is available. This group is facilitated by Niki Epplert.

Saturday Sisters Women's Bible Study meets at Rose Emmons' home (5474 McDowell St.) on Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **We are starting an Advent Study on Dec. 7. New members are welcome!** If you have questions, call Rose at (231) 798-9611 or (231) 855-0942.



GriefShare offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We begin our next 13-week session on **January 13, 2020**, and we meet on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m. through March**. More information is at www.griefshare.org. Please share this with family, friends, or neighbors.

Lake Harbor Youth Groups

Meeting times on Wednesday nights:

5th-8th graders meet from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

9th-12th graders meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We meet in the Youth Room. Friends are always welcomed and encouraged to come!

Thank you for supporting our Holiday Pie baking.
We made over 190 pies!



December Schedule:

Dec. 4 - Youth Group

Dec. 11 - Youth Group Christmas Shopping

Dec. 14 – Christmas Cookie Walk

Dec. 18 – Christmas Party/Ugly Sweater

**Dec. 25 & Jan. 1- NO MEETINGS
(Have a Joyous Christmas Season!)**

Our COOKIE WALK is coming, and we need your help making cookies! **If you're willing to help, PLEASE see Jimmy to sign up** and let us know what kind of cookies you're making. What a great opportunity to get together with friends and family to do some baking! Teach those grandkids your secret family recipe, pass on the love of time spent with you and knowledge, and then pass the cookies on to us! Thank you!



Cookie Walk Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Come to the Lounge to purchase a container and fill it up with Christmas cookies and goodies made by the youth, their families, and friends. You can bring them to parties or work, give them as gifts, or just bring them home to snack on. Everyone loves cookies! *Posters are available* if you want to help us advertise!

Youth Director Jimmy Epplert's Contact Info:
Facebook = Jimmy Epplert cell # (231) 750-9707

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS...

December birthday blessings to our Sunday School friends:

Eli Fuller on the 1st
Elijah Frucci on the 3rd
Preston Rose on the 6th



Thank You:

Belated thanks to Karen Post for subbing in the PreK-1st grade classroom a few Sundays while Mrs. Swisher was out of town. We appreciate Mrs. Post's time and talents whenever she can be in our room!

Many thanks to Diane Thompson for leading the PreK- 1st grade students in bells instruction. Bells are part of the students' Sunday School hour twice a month. The church will be able to

see the fruits of the lessons during the Christmas Eve program!

On the Church Calendar:

All youth from Pre-K through 7th grade will be together in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, Dec. 1 - the first Sunday of Advent. Come and join us from 10:00-11:00 a.m. for various craft activities, snacks, and a chance to spend your Bible Bucks at the Bible Bucks Store. Mark your calendar and ask your friends to join you on this special day - as we prepare our hearts for the joy of the Christmas season!

Also, please add a Chuck E. Cheese fundraiser to your calendar on January 3rd, 2020. It's a fun time to be with family and friends during Christmas break - and it benefits Lake Harbor's Children's Ministry! More info. will be coming in the next newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

Our Fall-o-ween event was a great success!



Thanks to all who worked on it and all those who attended!



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

We welcome new members to this fun-loving group! Contact Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417. **Our next meeting is** a work bee on **Thursday, Dec. 5 at 9:30 a.m.** when we'll pack holiday goodie bags for homebound friends.



CARDS FOR MILITARY

PERSONNEL: Please update addresses for your loved ones in the office. We want to include them when we send out cards.



Soup Pot Ministry is available to those who are in need of a meal during difficult times. If you know of someone who could use some love, please call Marie Kordecki at 231-740-5458 for information on how we can help. **New cooks are always welcome!** Even if you aren't a "cook," feel free to bring in takeout (Lee's, Fazoli's or pizza).



32 COLLEGE STUDENT CARE CARDS

were sent out in November. Thanks for supporting this ministry!



Thinking of You – A Christmas Tradition

Please join us on **Thursday, Dec. 5** to pack Christmas bags for our homebound members and friends. You can help in several ways. **We need:**

- ❖ Homemade cookies, candies or treats
- ❖ Small gifts (hand lotion, lip balms, nail files)
- ❖ Fresh fruit
- ❖ Anything you'd like to give - use your imagination, and be creative!
- ❖ **"Special Delivery"** people are needed!

We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge, so please have your items here before then. Please sign up at the Welcome Center. Questions? Call Marcia Woodworth at 231-798-4041.

Fellowship Opportunities



Coffee & Crafts meets on **Thursdays: December 5 and 19 at 9:15 a.m.** We

work on our own crafts, and new crafters are always welcome!



Sixty Plus or Minus Lunch Bunch will not meet in December.

See you in 2020!

 Members on the move... 

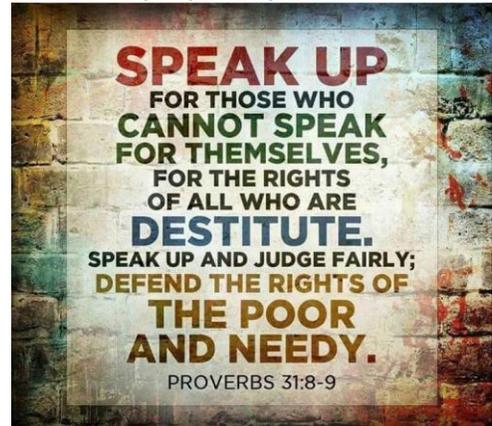
Gordon Easton
19631 Lindy Road
Thompsonville, MI 49683

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



Missions Corner

Gary and Jen Cooper are co-chairpersons of our Missions Team through 2019. Our next meeting is **Tues., January 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** We hope you'll join us!



Change the World!



Our November Noisy Offering was \$515.40 to support our mission project to put together **Blessing Bags for Muskegon Rescue Mission** - both men's and women's shelter. **We packed 100 Blessing Bags. Thank you for your generous support!**

There will be NO Noisy Offering in December. There are many opportunities to give! We also invite you to make a **special offering for Christmas** that will support local and global missions. **Look for a mailing and giving envelope to come to you in early December.**

Supper House: Our next opportunity to serve is **Tuesday, Dec. 3.** Please plan to be there at 3:45 p.m. and stay until 5:30 p.m. **If you're planning on serving, please call Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417** so we can plan accordingly.



We host Family Promise

December 22-29, which means

we'll serve during **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**. Please sign up on the doc below where you will help out. Thanks for your continued support!
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jS9jMMoShYk18ONXXMgXmVlqfhKhGN0zLSSPYS91hWI/edit>

Please contact Ruth Pyman 231-855-8825 or Jill McMahan 231-343-5749 if you have questions.



Supper House Christmas Party is Mon.,

Dec. 16. We've committed to giving 120 pairs of **new heavy black socks for**

men. There's a red tote near the MAP box in the sanctuary. Please bring your donations **by Wed., Dec. 11.**



December MAP Items:

MAP Angel Tree needs

unwrapped gifts for teens (12-18

years old). Suggestions for gifts: lounge pants, watches, wallets or purses, art supplies, hoodies, basketballs, perfume or cologne, footballs, soccer balls, gift cards or anything your teen might like. Please take an angel off the tree near the Welcome Center, and **bring unwrapped gifts back to LHUMC by Wednesday, Dec. 11.**

Lake Harbor serves at MAP Food Pantry on

December 16, 18 and 20. If you're willing to help, talk to Linda Herbert at 231-755-4863 and also on **Friday, January 3.** If you're willing to help, talk Madonna Borgerding at 231-780-2998.

We serve in the **MAP Clothing Closet** on **December 9, 11 and 13.** If you're willing to help, talk Madonna Borgerding.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

December 3, 2019

#GivingTuesday, you have the opportunity to express God's love in your own way to the people and projects you care about most. Choose from more than 300 United Methodist missionaries and more than 800 United Methodist-related projects to support. On **Tuesday, December 3**, go to www.umcmision.org/giving



Lake Harbor-

Thank you once again for the use of the church for our annual Fall

Festival recital. It's always so nice to come to Lake Harbor to have our students perform. Thank you for always being so welcoming!

Thank you,

GMMTA- Greater Muskegon Music Teachers Association



From our FINANCE Team:

At the end of October, our total income for General Fund was \$290,047.13. Our total General Fund expenses were \$270,500.79. Ministry Shares, our first level of mission giving, are paid in full for 2019. Our audit has been completed for 2018, and **we're grateful to our staff, Gail Barefoot and Smeeta Thompson, and our counters for their work.**

Our team met with David Bell from the United Methodist Foundation and will continue to explore best practices around our endowment funds. **We have approved a working budget for 2020, which we'll share with the congregation during a meeting between services on Sunday, January 5 at 10:15 a.m.**

Thank you to those who have offered a Faith Commitments for 2020. If you still want to make a commitment, it's never too late! Your intentional commitment of prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness helps all of us to follow through and be accountable to God and each other.



2019 Giving: All gifts need to be in the office **by Sunday, Dec. 29** for our counters to

count on Monday, Dec. 30. Thank you!



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 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!

From our Trustees

Trustees have been busy working on getting the south entrance completed, but the weather has not been cooperating between the snow and rain! We are diligently working on the inside.

The kitchen is receiving a face lift. Ceiling grid has been painted, and new ceiling tiles put in. The area where the old stove was has been painted and two new gas stoves have been put in. We still have to enclose the upper area where the window was, but that is in the works.

We'll start on the Nursery area as soon as the kitchen is done and close the old large window. Our intention is to remove the double doors and the windows and make the dividing wall solid so the adjoining room becomes functional for other purposes.

We're still waiting on a second quote for the downstairs bathroom project. Stay tuned...

LAKE HARBOR UMC on SOCIAL MEDIA



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

We also encourage you to **"check in"** when you're at church. It's an easy way to share your witness with others.

Please feel free to **share church events and invite your family and friends** to participate!

Our website (www.lakeharborumc.org) has current events and other info.

Please make sure we have your current E-mail so that you can receive weekly info notes!

Recently, our Michigan Conference shared important information about **E-mail Security**.

You can find it at:

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/eb411f11b2c5f0654d55f67fa/files/659dea75-9ba0-4207-b3f6-452e526abd9f/Local_Church_Info_Security_Email.pdf

Please be aware of scams - and know that Bishop Bard, Pastor Mary, or anyone else from the church will NEVER send an E-mail or text asking you for money. We know that so many people have been victims of scams. If it seems strange, it's probably a scam!



Lake Harbor UMC's Regular Office

Hours are Monday – Thursday from **9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m.** We are closed **Friday and Saturday**. LHUMC Office phone is **231-798-2181**. If you leave a message on the answering machine on the weekend, **it will NOT be received until Monday morning**.



Holiday Office Hours

Office will be closed from 12/24-12/29.



IMPORTANT NOTE: If you're in the hospital, because of the privacy laws, we may not know that you are there.

Please have a family member or friend notify the office at (231) 798-2181.



Altar Flowers

If you sign up for flowers for Sunday morning worship, it is your responsibility to make arrangements for order and delivery. Both Le Fleur and Wasserman's are able to get into the building to deliver flowers.



Ladies of the Pages Book Club meets at Lake Harbor UMC on the **3rd Thursday** of each month at 1:00 p.m. New readers are welcome! *This month, we're celebrating Christmas with a book exchange.* Please join us! Questions? See Glada Blanchette.

Staying connected:

These websites continue to **offer the most accurate information** on what's happening in the larger UMC:

United Methodist Church: www.umc.org

Michigan Area UMC: <http://michiganumc.org>

For opportunities in our Muskegon and Grand Rapids area:

Midwest District: <https://midwest.michiganumc.org/>

You can access sermons and other information through our church website at:

Lake Harbor UMC: <http://lakeharborumc.org>

Trinity's Christmas Nativity Walk: You are invited to our 19th annual FREE, Indoor Christmas Nativity Walk. Come experience what it would have been like to witness the first Christmas. 50-minute tours take you to 8 scenes portrayed by actors. It is an excellent way to prepare your heart for the true meaning of Christmas. Friday & Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14 anytime between 6:00-8:45 p.m. or Sunday, December 15 between 2:00-4:00 p.m. The church is located at 3225 Roosevelt Rd.

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Dan Malseed, Wedding & Funeral Custodian



The 2020 edition of **Calvin University's award-winning January Series** features *New York Times* best-selling authors, Billboard-topping musicians, and a 41-year veteran of the White House press corps.

From **Wed., Jan. 8 through Tues., Jan. 28, 2020**, attendees will learn from a wide range of experts leading some of the nation and world's most pivotal and timely conversations. The 15 speakers will provide insight on issues like poverty and hunger, the global water crisis, immigration, mass incarceration, religious freedom, and big data's inequality and threat to democracy.

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Frauenthal Center's **Beardsley Theater** is a **remote location, where you can locally take part in the January Series at 12:30 p.m. daily**. This is an excellent opportunity to learn! Go to: <https://calvin.edu/january-series/2020-speakers/>

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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Sunday Servants



Serving December 1:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Jim Post

Ushers: John Decker, Barb Gripton, Eric Gordon,
Mark Rousell, Roger Richmond

Outside Attendant: Roger Richmond

Computer: Fred Yonkers *Camera:* Pat Yonkers

Sound: Rob Mertz *Altar Guild:* Carol Bodenber

Coffee Hosts: Coffee & Craft Ladies

Counters: Cyndi Barefoot, Jim Cavender

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader: Brad Hilleary

Set-up: Jane Robbins

Greeters: Sheryl Thompson, June Turner

Coffee Hosts: Jill McMahon

Computer: Angela Thompson

Sound: Pete Thompson

Serving December 8:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Jim Post

Ushers: Dave Stamy, Larry Chan, Diane Chan,
Mark Graves, Harold Phinney, Bill Barton

Outside Attendant: Dave Stamy

Computer: Karen Booth *Camera:* Lisa Kasmauski

Sound: Dave Booth *Altar Guild:* Linda Rousell

Coffee Hosts: Bonny Jorgenson, Laura Valk

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Bev Layman

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader: Dirk Fuller

Greeter: John Thompson

Set-up & Coffee Hosts: Kelsey Boss & Laura Dean

Computer: Patrick Miles *Sound:* Mark Graves

Serving December 15:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Jim Post

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

Outside Attendant: Jim Post

Computer: Glenn Chilson *Camera:* Dena Chilson

Sound: David Booth *Altar Guild:* Betty Kinney

Coffee Hosts: Dave & Sue Stamy

Counters: Steve Hill, Allen Winslow

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader & Set-up: Chris Beaudoin

Greeters: Jill Warren, Jean Kelly

Coffee Hosts: Paulette & Bob Bosch

Computer: Jim Grace *Sound:* Karen Grace

Serving December 22:

9:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Jim Post

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

Outside Attendant: Rod Moon

Computer: Glenn Chilson *Camera:* Dena Chilson

Sound: Deb Moon *Altar Guild:* Linda Herbert

Coffee Host: Julie Grelewicz, Mudgi Cavender

Counters: Cyndi Barefoot, Mudgi Cavender

11:00 a.m. Service:

Worship Leader & Set-up: Rose Emmons

Greeters: Sarah Knopf, Jan Pascavis

Computer: Ivan Ivanov *Sound:* Bob Bosch

Coffee Hosts: Pete & Angela Thompson

Serving December 29:

10:00 a.m. Service

Worship Leader: Jim Post

Ushers: John Decker, Barb Gripton, Eric Gordon, Mark Rousell, Roger Richmond

Outside Attendant: Roger Richmond

Computer: *Camera:* *Sound:*

Altar Guild: Carol Bodenber *Coffee Hosts:* _____

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Laura Maniaci