

Harbor Light

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Lent – A Holy Season

I wanted to share some of Bishop David Bard's reflections as we live in this season of Lent.

Lent "began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians." Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, where we are reminded of our mortality. Individually people often give something up for Lent.

*It was last year during Lent that our churches were asked to refrain from in-person worship due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The hope early on was that perhaps by Easter, we would again be able to gather together for worship. It was not to be. Months later, we would also be asked to refrain from in-person worship during the Christmas season. **We have given up a lot**, and we are not yet through this pandemic.*

Of course, some have given up even more. This past year has been a year of incredible loss. Reminders of our mortality arrive every day as we hear the running total of deaths from COVID-19, now over 500,000 here in the United States. Some of you are grieving loved ones lost, whether from COVID or not. We have lost time together with family and friends, missed marking milestones in ways we would have liked. There have been moments where we've lost a measure of hope, moments such as the death of George Floyd, or when some of our cities were aflame, or when our political rhetoric burned, or when we witnessed the violent storming of the Capitol building.

***Lent acknowledges loss and limits.** It invites giving something up, but that never for its own sake. **When we voluntarily give something up it is intended to be in the service of creating space for something new, creating more space for God's grace, God's love.** Lent reminds us **we don't have all the time in the world**, so we are invited to use our time well. Lent reminds us that **life entails real loss, so we are invited to appreciate its good gifts** when they come our way. Lent encourages us to **be more disciplined** in our use of time, in the direction of our attention, in the expenditure of our energy. Discipline – and the most important Lenten disciplines are the disciplines of love – patience, kindness, thoughtfulness, and humility.*

*Friends, Lent reminds us **that we are fragile, mortal, and sometimes broken, that we know loss and that we lose our way.** Yet we are also **always loved by God**, wildly and extravagantly, and in these limited mortal lives of ours, we might reflect that love of God in what we do and who we are. **Disciplines of love exercised in grace help us do that.***

I pray that Lent is a holy time for us to grow closer to God and practice the discipline of love, especially as we **focus on GRACE – how we receive it ourselves and how we extend to others** – family, friends, neighbors, strangers, and even those we find it most difficult to love – those we call our enemies.

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Mary

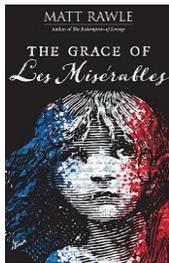
March 7 at 10:00 a.m.:

“Poverty and Our Response”

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46

Character focus: Fantine

Synopsis: Poverty doesn't have to be, and yet we know it is an everyday reality for so many people for so many reasons. Poverty affects everything it touches. For some it leads to perseverance. For others, poverty destroys the soul. What is our role in combating poverty as people of faith in Jesus Christ?



Drive-up Communion, a bag of hands-on Lent and Easter items, March newsletter, and Upper Room devotionals will be available in the parking lot from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

March 14 at 10:00 a.m.: “The Gift of Love”

Scripture: John 15: 9-17; I Corinthians 13: 4-8a, 13

Character focus: Marius and Cosette

Synopsis: It can be difficult to define love because we use the word so often. Sometime love can be a placeholder when we don't quite know how we feel. What does it mean to proclaim that “the greatest of these is love”?

March 21 at 10:00 a.m.: “Giving or Taking”

Scripture: II Corinthians 5: 14-21; Psalm 32

Character focus: Bienvenu (priest), Thénardier, Gavroche, Eponine

Synopsis: We receive blessings from God every day, and acknowledging those blessings is important spiritual work. It can keep us from selfishness and greed and keep us more ready to give, share, and forgive.

March 28 at 10:00 a.m.:

“Do You Hear the People (or Rocks) Sing?”

Scripture: Mark 11: 1-11; Zechariah 9:9

Character focus: The Barricade

Synopsis: Though we don't always acknowledge it, what happened on Palm Sunday was amazing. It was a miracle that no one drew a sword in a time of high tension. As we consider the expectations for Jesus and his response – the kind of Messiah

he was – what do we say about seeking justice, standing up for what we believe, and following the Gospel call?

Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 p.m.:

“The Garden at Night: Watch and Pray”

Scripture: Mark 14: 12-26, 32-41

Character focus: The Garden

Synopsis: Jesus offers grace to his disciples even as he warns them of betrayal. Jesus takes them to pray even as they struggle to stay awake. Jesus displays *agape* love even as he prays and recognizes his humanity in going to the cross to bring salvation. We gather with him in honest confession as we “sit with our sin” and ask for forgiveness.

Prayer Vigil starting at 8:30 p.m.: Offer the gift of time to God in prayer – prayers for ourselves, our church, community, and world, and especially concerns gathered up for the vigil that might never be shared in worship. Consider signing up for a 30-minute time **to pray in our sanctuary or at home** at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15UD1aV9-ZflzpZ3GZDmy22GO5PtnlbkboZ98ojdO0Pw/edit>

Specific prayer requests can be added at the bottom of this document. You can also call the office to sign up or offer prayer requests.

Worship Connections Teams

Mon., March 1	1:00 PM	Work Session for Lent
Mon., March 8	1:00 PM	Worship Team
Mon., March 15	1:00 PM	Worship Team
	7:00 PM	Celebration Planning
Mon., March 22	12:30 PM	Brainstorming Lunch
	1:00 PM	Brainstorming for “Are We There Yet?”
Mon., March 29	1:00 PM	Worship Team

Worship Connections Team meetings are open to everyone. Karen Booth leads Worship Connections Team which meets most Mondays at 1:00 pm at church. Please contact Karen (798-8431 or kwbooth@comcast.net) for more details.

Offering in-person worship

Administrative Council continues to follow our plan and monitor our local public health information as we consider offering in-person worship. Ad Council discuss a return to in-person worship at their February meeting. That decision will be communicated by E-mail, on our Facebook page and group, and in written form for those without Internet. **Livestream worship will always be available** on Sunday mornings even after we return to in-person worship, and we'll continue to follow public health directives (masking and distancing) for any in-person gatherings.

“Are We There Yet?”

Monday, March 22 in Fellowship Hall

12:30 p.m. Lunch & 1:00 p.m. Brainstorming for April 11 - May 16, 2021 Worship

Jesus taught us to pray (and work) for God’s “kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.” Are we there yet? In the 2,000 years since he came, many things have changed for the better, but we still have a long way to go. Civility, integrity, truth-telling, grace and forgiveness have fallen out of favor. Being right has replaced being kind. Face-to-face conversations that might lead to understanding and cooperation have been replaced by often divisive social media encounters. The 24/7 media cycle feeds the ugliness. Wow! In this series, **we’ll look at Jesus’ teaching from The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7** so we can heed his call to be a part of building God’s Kingdom.



Scout Sunday



Scouting Sunday will be celebrated in March. If you have a Scout, please send a photo of them in uniform to Office@LakeHarborUMC.org. Thanks!

LAKE HARBOR’S MUSIC MINISTRY



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

PRAISE TEAM rehearses weekly on Saturdays at **10:00 a.m.** Please contact Michael Boersma if you’re interested in joining them.



LHUMC’s hand bell choir has been meeting since November, using all safety precautions recommended by the conference and the state. Thank to our ringers for their patience and adjustments they’ve had to make... almost weekly... to share their music ministry with you.

Music selection and preparations are in place to ring for both Palm Sunday (March 28) and Easter (April 4). We’d love to have you join us! For more information, please contact Diane Thompson diane.sj.thompson@gmail.com

“Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common.” - Sarah Dessen



Radical Hospitality

Can you help **offer hospitality during online worship?** Please continue to welcome one another – and especially those who may be new to worshipping with us!

“Lord, Hear our Prayers...”

Prayer Service is **Wed., March 24 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. **Lake Harbor’s Prayer Chain is always open to add a few more links.** You can receive prayer requests via phone calls or E-mail. Contact LHUMC office at 231-798-2181 OR **Office@LakeHarborUMC.org** if you want to be included on the **E-mail Prayer Chain**. Contact Jean Wasserman at 231-747-9676 to join the **Phone Prayer Chain**.

FYI: Prayer requests aren’t shared or published without permission. We’re also not sharing specific prayer requests during our livestream because it’s public.



Please pray for:

- The work of a vaccine
- Healing division in our country
- All school staff, students, and parents
- Those experiencing financial stress
- Courage to end to the sin of racism
- Those recovering from surgery and fighting cancer
- Homebound members and friends
- GriefShare ministry and participants
- Military personnel and their families
- Pastor Mary & our LHUMC staff

We praise God for celebrating the



Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Shiloh Christopher Boersma
on Feb. 14. We pray for him and his family.



In My Father's House...Don Dewey, who passed away on Feb. 12. Don is son-in-law of Sally Porter. Our prayers are with the family.

In My Father's House...John VanVeelen, who passed away on Feb. 20. John is the husband of Ruth and a longtime member of Lake Harbor. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family.

Ruth Van Veelen
905 Greglynn
Machesney Park, IL 61115



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.

There are many opportunities to **connect to a small group** for spiritual growth. Take a look!



Our Lenten series is based on **Les Misérables**. There is a **DVD of the 2012 film adaptation available to borrow**. It's also available on Netflix.

March/April Upper Room devotionals are available at church. **Upper Room** and **Our Daily Bread** devotionals are also **posted on our Facebook page every day**.

Tuesday morning Bible Study meets at **10:00 a.m.** currently using Zoom and is studying the Gospel of Mark. All are welcome to join us!

Women's Bible Study

We are starting back up again and will meet on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in person at church beginning **on Tuesday, March 2**. We will use a study called *Truthfilled* by Ruth Chou Simons. Here's a description:

This 7-session study of the Book of Colossians leads us through a practice of preaching gospel truth to ourselves by studying Paul's example. In every changing season of life, we can rest in God's character, rehearse our identity in Christ, respond in faith, and remember God's provision for us. In today's culture, there's no shortage of self-help, easy fixes, and worldly advice, but only the truth of God's Word was meant to fill you up and satisfy you fully."

Study guide books can be purchased through Simons' website or on Amazon. Cost is \$16.99. If you have any questions or would like to join this group, please contact Niki Epplert at jikiskycam@comcast.net or 231-750-2114.

Saturday Sisters Bible Study is still meeting on Zoom every **Saturday morning from 10:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.** We are just beginning a new study that will reflect the Gospel of Mark readings. Max Lucado's study on Mark is a 12-week study where we spend time in study, prayer and sharing our faith journeys with one another. Join us for support, love and growth in your Christian walk. Contact Pastor Mary or Rose Emmons for more information on the Zoom link.

Women's Prayer Group will meet for prayer, meditation, and group support on **Sat., March 13 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.** using Zoom. Please contact Rose Emmons at rmemms@yahoo.com or 231-855-0942 or for the link. We'd love to have you join us! ♥

Men's Study Group is hoping to start again soon. Questions or suggestions? Contact Mike Layman at or 248-505-0427 or michaellayman50@yahoo.com.



GriefShare offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one – whether recent

or not. Our current 12-week session meets on **Mondays at 6:30-8:00 p.m. through March 29.** More information is at www.griefshare.org. Please share this with family, friends, or neighbors.



A discussion group on social justice will meet on Thurs., March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Pastor Mary if you're interested in learning more.

Social Justice Issues

Our Celebration Worship has a practice of choosing a **prayer focus each month** related to social justice – **how our faith connects to important social issues.** We begin with prayer, and we're called to action.

In January, we focused on **ending human trafficking** and shared **important local resources:**

- *If someone is in immediate danger, call 911.
- *Call The National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888 (available 24/7)
- *If the victim is under 18 years of age, call CPS at 855-444-3911
- *If in need of services, call The Hope Project at 231-747-8555 (9am-5pm M-F)
- *If in need of emergency shelter, call Every Woman's Place at 231-722-3333 (available 24/7)

Websites to learn more:

Lakeshore Human Trafficking Task Force
<https://www.lhttf.org/>

The Hope Project -

<https://www.hopeprojectusa.org/>

International Justice Mission -

<https://www.ijm.org/slavery>

Dept. of Homeland Security -

<https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/what-human-trafficking>

Love 146 - <https://love146.org/>

In February, we focused on **healing political divisions** – and we're encouraged to pray and find ways to be in healthy conversation with others as we work together for the common good.

In March, as we live in the season of Lent that calls us to self-examination, our focus is **understanding our own bias.** Where do we need to be more aware of unfounded or unfair beliefs about others? We'll hear more specifics in worship, but we're all invited to pray for God's help to fight against bias.

Prayer for Clearing Out

Let us pray a "prayer for clearing out..."

Forgiving God, we are not sure we can slow down.

Help us make room for You.

We have too often crowded you out, too busy even to make a change.

Help us find room for You.

We come to you wanting it to be different.

Let us be room for You.

In the name of Jesus, who invites us to wholeness.

Amen.



If you're on Facebook, make sure to connect:

- *Lake Harbor United Methodist Church* page **where we livestream for Sunday worship**
- Lake Harbor UMC – closed group
- Lake Harbor Youth Group - page
- LHUMC Children's Ministry – closed group **There are frequent posts for kids and families.**

Social media can be a blessing, especially as a tool to witness to others and share our faith. **During Lent, we'll be encouraged to post a picture every week as a reminder of our Lenten journey.**

Lake Harbor Youth Groups



Youth Groups **will meet in-person** in our youth area on **Wednesdays: March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31** Middle School at 6:00 p.m.
High School at 7:00 p.m.

We're excited to be able to connect face-to-face!



A huge Thank you to those who supported SOUPer Bowl of Caring last month! We collected over 200 cans of soup and \$144.48 for MAP's Food Pantry! They were very

excited to see so many cans!

Please continue to pray for our students. They are working hard to navigate through these trying times! Thank you for your prayers!

PEACE AND LOVE, JIMMY

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

Other Youth News...from Skylar Epplert

I'm working on my **Gold Award!** It is the highest award you can get in Girl Scouts. I have been working on it since 2017, and things are finally starting to come together. My goal is to get reusable menstrual products to people in my area and to get people talking more openly about women's health! My project adviser Ashley Boersma, and I have sorted through everything I have collected over the years, and I am at the point that **I need help sewing!** I am making drawstring bags and reusable pads and need help creating both of those. You can reach me at sky.r.epplert@gmail.com if you would like to help sew, cut, or iron. The patterns are super easy and will come with full templates and instructions. The goal is to create 100 pad kits and 200 diva cup kits, and we are on track to make even more than that! The support I have gotten has been overwhelming, and I am so grateful!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS...



March birthday blessings to our Sunday School friends:

Lillian Verry on the 1st
Alexis Kever on the 6th
Will McNeranay on the 17th

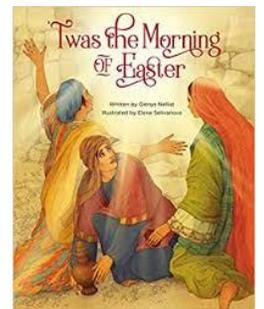
♥♥♥ On Valentine's Day we had a Zoom Party with our elementary students. We sent Valentines bags home with fun things to do on their own and a few to do on Valentine's Day. I think their favorite (and ours) was reading their conversation heart candies. Ours were really goofy, making them giggle. We are planning **another Zoom for elementary kids just for fun on March 14.**

We are gathering things to put in a bag or box to help further their faith in God and to help them learn about Lent and the events during Lent and Holy Week. **Watch for a date to pick up a Lenten kit for your family.** This Lent resource is designed for families of teens as well as young kids, with activities and suggestions for any age.

Coming Soon – a Story Walk

*"Twas the morning of Easter, before the sun rose,
Two guards on a hillside were just trying to doze."*

All Lake Harbor families - kids, teens, and adults - are invited to come to a **Story Walk** at our church that celebrates the Resurrection. Using Glenys Nellist's book, you can walk and read the story, pausing to look at the illustrations at each stop along the way. Feel free to pray, reflect, and wonder at each stop.



The Story Walk will be available beginning on Palm Sunday, and will stay up through Easter. It will be outside, around the church grounds, so you can visit any time that's convenient for you, and walk it as often as you like. This is a great activity to share with friends, relatives and neighbors! There is a free Easter celebration activity, and we're excited to offer it.



Summer camp is hopefully going to be an option this year! We have great opportunities to camp - specifically our United Methodist options and other Christian camps, including family camping!

Follow these links for more information:

<https://umcamping.org/events/>

<https://lakelouisecommunity.org/camps/current-year-camps/>

Our church offers scholarships, so start planning!

If you have any questions, please contact Niki Epplert, our Camping Coordinator, or the office.



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

We welcome new members to this fun-loving group! Contact Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417 or Karen Post 231-733-2782. **Our next meeting will be in April, date TBD.**

Special THANKS to all those who helped us spread love last month to our 80+ and homebound members.

We delivered over 70 Valentine goodie bags. Each bag included goodies, Lent information, Holy Communion, and a few handmade cards made by a skill building group from Pioneer Resources, the Girl Scouts troop that meets at our church, Sunday school kids and Youth Group, and some kind adults, too. The bags were a blessing to many people!



We want to show some love and support to our college students

by sending them \$5.00 gift cards from Starbucks or Subway. If you'd like to help, please purchase \$5.00 gift cards or give a monetary donation marked "College Care cards," and we'll purchase gift cards. **We need your gift by Sunday, March 28** so they can be sent out in early April. Thank you!

Ross Park Elementary Outreach:

March can be a very stressful month for school staff. Traditionally we share desserts with our teachers, but due to current restrictions, **we're showing our gratitude and support with a 100 Grand candy bar and a small gift** to help them get through the rest of the year. We're able to do this because of your generous support to our Apple Tree fundraiser last year!

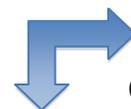


Soup Pot Ministry is available to those who are in need of a meal during difficult times. If you know of someone who could use some help with meals, please call Marie Kordecki at 231-740-5458 for information on how we can help. **New cooks are always welcome!** Even if you aren't a "cook," feel free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

Members on the move...

Nerita Howard has gone cellular 231-557-7344

If you have E-mail access, please make sure that we have your current E-mail address. Send it to Office@LakeHarborUMC.org. **Please keep the office informed** when you're moving or changing phone numbers or E-mail.



Missions Corner

Our next Missions Team meeting is **Tues., March 9 at 7:00 p.m.** We look at the needs of our own community as well as those nationally and globally. We welcome your participation and input and would love to have you join us! Contact the Office or Jill McMahon at 231-343-5749 or jdcmmahon23@gmail.com.





Missions in Action is March 7! In addition to offering Communion and collecting offerings, we'll be collecting **toilet paper** for MAP (Mission for Area People)! Why toilet paper? Those in need cannot purchase paper products with their food cards. And, let's face it, you never know what you have until it's gone - like **Toilet Paper!**

Let's show our Muskegon community how much LHUMC values our neighbor's needs and wrap them in rolls and rolls of toilet paper! **We'll be collecting TP until Saturday, March 27.** Thank you for your continued and generous support of God's people in need!



Change the World!



February Noisy Offering was \$368.53 to support **Dancing with the Local Stars.**

DWLS has raised more than \$1,000,000 for 40 local Food Pantries in our area



since 2009! This year, 2021 DWLS is having a virtual dance-a-thon. Check out their website at <https://womensdivision.org/dancing-with-the-local-stars> . Your support is greatly appreciated!

March Noisy Offering will support **UMCOR Sunday**, a special offering of our global UMC. When disasters occur, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is there to help people recover from the catastrophe and put their lives back together. **Donations UMCOR receives through this offering cover their costs of doing business.** Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative costs. **You can bring your offering to Drive-up Communion and Missions in Action on Sun., March 7 or send it in, marked "March Noisy Offering."**

Supper House: Our next opportunity to serve is **Tues., March 2.** 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.



March MAP Items of the Month:

Chef Boyardee Pasta and Toothpaste (not travel size toothpaste, please)

MAP's Healthy Food and Personal Care Pantry is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays with curbside pickup available from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Appointments are scheduled by calling 231-733-9672.

Volunteers Needed! Lake Harbor UMC serves at MAP Clothes Closet on March 15 and 17. If you're willing to help, talk Madonna Borgerding at 231-780-2998.



Due to some pressing maintenance issues, we

will not be serving the week of Feb. 28-March 6 as scheduled. Thanks to everyone who signed up to provide meals and support; we are very grateful for YOU!

Family Promise of the Lakeshore is a mission supported by our local churches to keep families without homes together as they look for permanent housing. **Our next opportunity to serve will be June 28-July 3.** Look for a new schedule in the June newsletter. Please contact Jill McMahon or Ruth Pyman for more information. If cooking isn't your gift, monetary gifts are welcome, too!

Peace and Blessings, Jill and Ruth

Contact: Jill McMahon at 231-343-5749
Ruth Pyman at 231-855-8825



Whitlow's Little Free Pantry is a ministry started by Rhonda Mosley. Find it on Facebook – and feel free to donate non-perishable food and cleaning and personal care items.

Community Opportunities

Every Women's Place *Cheers & Chocolate*

This annual event is a part of national Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In 2021, in anticipation of a wider reopening of our community this spring, EWP is hosting the ***Cheers and Chocolate Community Crawl on April 1 - April 30***. For more information go to:

<https://everywomansplace.org/cheers-and-chocolate>



Thank You "Thinking of You Group" for once again thinking

of us "oldies" (over 80) as we each received a bag full of "Love." We received some cheerful drawings, a letter on Lent from Pastor Mary that all should read, how to take elements for communion on Ash Wednesday, good cookies, and a tasty muffin (I had with my tea in the evening). I did the word search while eating the chocolate candy. A bulletin for the Ash Wednesday service was included and a special homemade Valentine. Thanks again for remembering us. Blessings, Ruth Deephouse



Thank you to the bakers, decorators, fillers and deliverers of the Valentine goody bags. It is always nice to be remembered, especially in these times. I'm blessed to have family to watch over me., but being remembered by my church family, too, is to be double blessed. Thank you Hannah for your artwork. It must have taken you lots of time to draw those on both sides of your paper. Love to all, Eleanor Daniels



Thank you for the gift bag. It was much appreciated.

Blessings to all, Bud and Wanda Frutchey



Thank you for the lovely treats! It was a nice surprise for Valentine's Day. We appreciate being remembered by you.

Thanks and blessings, Renée & Greg Hoadley



Thank you for my new Bible and cuddly blanket. I love to snuggle in my soft blanket. It was so nice of you to make it for me. My mom and dad like it, too, because it's just the right size to cover my car seat when we go out on our cold adventures.

Thanks for loving me, Azalea Kay (12 weeks old) and Danielle & Ben Bos



Thank you so much for the Valentine's gift bag. It was such a nice surprise, and it felt so good to be remembered by my church family. I miss seeing you all. Mary Swartz



We would like to thank everyone that has filled and delivered the "goodie" bags over the last year. We have been surprised and enjoyed each one. We appreciate all the thoughts and time involved to put these together. Thank you. Hope to see you soon! Larry & Bonnie Jorgenson

Thank you to Lake Harbor Youth Group for collecting cans of soup during Souper Bowl of Caring for MAP's Healthy Choice Food Pantry. A special shout out to Jimmy and Molly Epplett for bringing them in. Your kindness and caring helps feed the hungry in our community. ❤️ MAP



Thank you to those who sent cards, flowers and phone calls, but most of all, prayers following the loss of my sister. Such a blessing for all the love. June Turner



From our FINANCE Team:

At the end of January 2021, our total income for General Fund was \$33,573. Our total General Fund expenses were \$21,607. We are current on all expenses, and Ministry Shares are paid to date. Praise God!

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage.

Francis of Assisi

Remember that you can offer **your Faith Commitment anytime.** Lent is a time to focus on how we respond to God's grace in our lives. **Offering your prayers,**

presence, gifts, service, and witness is a blessing to our congregation – and it's a part of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

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:

- Click on "Give" button
- Click on "Create Profile" button
- Follow onscreen instructions.

It's easy and stress free!

From our Trustees

We updated the Wifi in the office area to make it more secure. We're working on plans to replace valves in our heating system.

Our next meeting is Thurs., March 18.

Gifts can be made to the Preservation Fund, our Building Fund, anytime – and are much appreciated!



Monday – Thursday
9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The office is closed **Friday and Saturday.**

LHUMC Office phone is **231-798-2181.** If you leave a message on the weekend, **it will NOT be received until Monday morning.**



Unity Christian Music Fest

Like everything in 2021, Unity Fest will probably be very different, with many uncertainties. Tickets are currently available online on a first-come first-serve basis. Should there be crowd limits, refunds will be given to the last tickets purchased. Family Passes MIGHT be available in May /June if there are not crowd limitations. Your safest bet is to purchase your tickets online sooner rather than later. Use link below:

<http://www.unitymusicfestival.com/unity-music-festival-premier-christian-music-event/>

Email Security



If you get a suspicious E-mail requesting help from a member of church or any "friend" to go buy something for them, please

do not reply and just delete it. Also, Social Security Administration will NEVER E-mail or call you if there is an issue with your account. When in doubt, check it out but NEVER REPLY or give any personal information to anyone, no matter how legitimate it sounds.

Midwest District News

We're looking for **Lay Members to Annual Conference 2021 on June 3-6** with a hybrid component in October. Read more at <https://michiganumc.org/plan-for-ac-2021-announced/>

If you are interested, find an application at [https://mcusercontent.com/eb411f11b2c5f0654d55f67fa/files/5498d449-ed51-40e5-8654-2a605814eb0a/Lay Equalization Form for AC 2021.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/eb411f11b2c5f0654d55f67fa/files/5498d449-ed51-40e5-8654-2a605814eb0a/Lay_Equalization_Form_for_AC_2021.pdf)

Questions? Please contact Pastor Mary.



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.**



Remember to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 14!

Sunday Servants

Serving March 7:

Worship Leader: Rose Emmons

Computer: Karen Booth *Sound:* David Booth

Camera/Livestream: Lisa Kasmauski

Livestream Helper: Ivan Ivanov

Counters: Cyndi Barefoot, Mike Layman

Serving March 14:

Worship Leader: Ken Luckett

Computer: Glenn Chilson

Camera/Livestream: Dena Chilson

Sound: Steve Umstead

Livestream Helper: Ivan Ivanov

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Jim Cavender

Serving March 21:

Worship Leader: Carole Koch

Computer: Angela Thompson

Camera/Livestream: Jeff Verry

Sound: Pete Thompson

Livestream Helper: Rob Mertz

Counters: Bev Layman, Laura Maniaci

Serving March 28:

Worship Leader: Jim Post

Computer: Fred Yonkers *Sound:* Deb Moon

Camera/Livestream: Pat Yonkers

Livestream Helper: Jeff Verry

Counters: Cyndi Barefoot, Mudgi Cavender

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/>

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

Lake Harbor's Staff

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Leslie Kordecki, Nicole Austin, Emily Umstead, &

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Dan Malseed, Wedding & Funeral Custodian