

Harbor Light



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REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MARY IVANOV

There are a few things to cover this month, so a list may be the easiest way to do it.

#1 - **Thank you** for your expressions of love and care for Pastor Appreciation Month. Your kind words, cards, meals, and prayers are always encouraging and affirming – and a blessing to me.

#2 – Though I’m sure you’re aware if you watch TV or listen to the news, **Election Day is Nov. 8**. It’s mid-term election time, and **I hope that you’re registered to vote and that you’ll exercise your right to vote**. I offer words from John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement in England in the 1700’s. I think of these as his **“three simple rules” for voting** - from October 6, 1774:

I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them

- 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy*
- 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and*
- 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.*

I’m challenged by Wesley’s words and will take them to heart as I vote.

In addition to Wesley’s wisdom, I hope we’ll take to heart these **words from our Social Principles**:

While our allegiance to God takes precedence over our allegiance to any state, we acknowledge the vital function of government as a principal vehicle for the ordering of society. Because we know ourselves to be responsible to God for social and political life, we declare the following relative to governments...

Political Responsibility: The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens. The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.

Get out (or fill out your absentee ballot) and vote!

#3 – Make plans to offer your extra hour (FALL BACK) to mission and ministry on Sun., Nov. 6 starting at 3:00 p.m. It’s our first in-person **Charge Conference** since 2019! Everyone is welcome, and members are invited to vote on pastor’s compensation, our leadership roster for 2023 along with other matters. Rev. Rob Cook from Central UMC will preside. We’ll follow our conference with a special event called **Project Blessings!** There’s something for everyone – no matter your ability.

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Mary*

Lake Harbor UMC Charge Conference

11.06.2022 3:00 PM

Join us for our annual business meeting, learn more about how we can serve, celebrate mission and ministry at LHUMC, and work together to bless others with hands-on projects.

Project Blessings to bless others:

1. Create Care Cards
2. Decorate bags for Kids' Food Basket
3. Make Blessing Bags for Muskegon Rescue Mission and more!



We'll share a meal, too!

November Worship News by Karen Booth



“Belonging: Finding Your Heart’s Home”

Everyone wants a place to belong. Home. Family. They should be places where we feel safe, loved, and comfortable. What happens when we lose life-giving relationships and our sense of belonging? How does God’s grace help us to find a place to belong and ultimately find our heart’s home?

Nov. 6, 2022: “For All the Saints”

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 11-23; Romans 14: 7-8

Synopsis: We are all called to be saints – those who help one another to know God better.

Movie connection: “All Saints” is based on the inspiring true story of a salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCUBHlqzFDE>

We’ll remember loved ones who have passed away since Nov. 1, 2021. **Please share names with the office by Mon., Oct. 31.**



Nov. 13, 2022: “I Belong”

Scripture: I Peter 2: 1-10; Ephesians 2: 19-22

Synopsis: We need the basics to survive, like food, clean water, air, sleep, shelter, and security. The need for love and belonging follows close behind. How does a community of faith provide that need, and how can we offer it to others in the name of Jesus?

Personal connection: Several members will share what belonging means to them.

Grief Share will offer a special “Surviving the Holidays” session on Mon., Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 20, 2022: “Sing from the Heart”

Scripture: Psalm 100; Philippians 4: 4-9

Synopsis: Gratitude can be a powerful spiritual discipline that reminds us of our need for community in Christ. Taking intentional time to thank God opens us to be more aware of all that we can be grateful for. Saying “thank you” is a reminder that we need others – and that others need us.

Movie connection: “CODA.” As a CODA (Child of Deaf Adults), Ruby is the only hearing person in her deaf family. When the family’s fishing business is threatened, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing her passion at Berklee College of Music and her fear of abandoning her parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pmfrE1YL4I>

“The Redemption of Scrooge”

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark and sad character? The teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic, *A Christmas Carol*. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the life of the present, and resurrection of Christmas future, this series will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

Nov. 27, 2022: “Bah Humbug! Making Change”

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 6-7; Luke 1: 46-47, 52-55

Synopsis: The cultural context in which Dickens placed his powerful Christmas story was 1800’s England – a time of great divide between rich and poor – something on which Dickens wanted to shed a light. His main character, Ebenezer Scrooge, is clear as the story begins that the only redeeming value in life was in getting more money. He lives in resentment, fear and the ice-cold frozen state of watching out only for himself. God’s economy, on the other hand, says that there is enough for all, and all are worthy of the abundance of life and joy, freedom and sustenance. Will we “make change” and move toward the richness of peace for all, or will we continue to be chained by the poverty of exclusion?

Worship Connections Teams

Worship Connections Team meetings are open to everyone. Karen Booth leads Worship Connections Team which meets most Mondays at 1:00 p.m. at church. Please contact Karen (231-798-8431 or

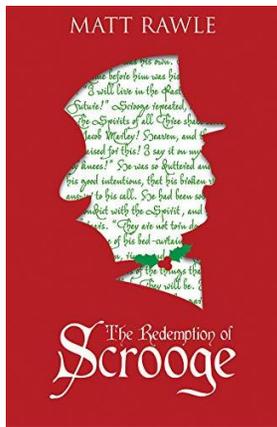
kwbooth@comcast.net) for more details. Niki Epplett leads the Celebration Team. Please contact Niki (231-750-2114 or jikiskycam@comcast.net) for more details. **Join us for upcoming meetings:**

Mon., Nov. 7	6:00-9:30 p.m.	Brainstorming for Advent & Christmas
Thurs., Nov. 10	7:00 p.m.	Celebration Planning Team Meeting
Mon., Nov. 14	1:00 p.m.	Worship Connections Team Meeting
Sun., Nov. 20	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Hanging of the Greens (Pizza for workers at 5:00 p.m.)
Mon., Nov. 21	1:00 p.m.	Worship Work Session
Mon., Nov. 28	1:00 p.m.	Worship Connections Team meeting



Worship 2023: The Worship Connections Team sketched out plans for 2023 and asks that everyone at Lake Harbor **participate in ONE of the following worship planning events** this year.

- **The Redemption of Scrooge:** Our Advent and Christmas series is based on *A Christmas Carol* and Matt Rawles' *The Redemption of Scrooge*. It runs from Nov. 27, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023. **Brainstorming: Mon., Nov. 7 at Deb Moon's LeFleur Shoppe from 6:00-9:30 p.m.**
- **Faith in Films:** We recognize that we see glimpses of God's truth in unlikely places, even characters in films who are searching for hope and meaning in their perfectly messy lives. This 4-week series runs from Jan. 8-29, 2023. **Brainstorming: Week of Dec. 12 or 19, 2022.**
- **Mountain Stores - Where Heaven and Earth Meet in the Bible:** Old and New Testament stories remind us of God's faithfulness. We can count on it today and in the future. This 3-week series runs from Feb. 5-16. **Brainstorming: Week of Jan. 9 or 16.**
- **Baptismal Calling through Death to Life:** Baptism is not the end of our faith journey, but one step in a life-long, Spirit-led process meant to guide us every day. This Lent and Easter series runs from Feb. 26 – April 9. **Brainstorming: Week of Jan. 29 or Feb. 4.**
- **Dare to Dance Again:** It is easy to lose hope when times are difficult. Easter stories point to the hope of living in community. This 7-week series runs from April 16 – May 28. **Brainstorming: Week of Mar. 27.**
- **The Ten Commandments for Today:** Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of "thou-shalt-nots" found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life. This 10-week series runs from June 11 – Aug. 13. **Brainstorming: Week of May 15 or 23.**
- **Discipleship - The United Methodist Ten:** Too often, our only introduction to the specific beliefs of the UMC is in a "new member" class. Our faith has a history that should inform our present actions and what we believe about the future. This 10-week series runs from Aug. 20 – Oct. 29. **Brainstorming: Week of July 24 or 31.**
- **"No Fear" November:** We have fears – it's a part of being human. In this 3-week series, we'll shine a light on some of our greatest fears and see how our faith in Jesus can help us let go of the past, live in the present, and have hope for the future. **Brainstorming: Week of Oct. 9 or 16.**



2022 Advent and Christmas All-Church Worship Brainstorming

Mon., Nov. 7 at Deb Moon's LeFleur Shoppe, 4210 Grand Haven Road, Muskegon

We'll have a pizza/potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and maybe a sweater or sweatshirt. Brainstorming is from 7:00-9:30 p.m. See the synopsis for this series on pg. 2. More information about each week's Scripture readings and message will become available at church and at our website. RSVP to Karen Booth at kwbooth@comcast.net or 231-798-8431 or 231-557-1069, calling the church office, or by signing up at church.

Directions to LeFleur Shoppe from church:

- Take HENRY ST north to W NORTON AVE (1.8 miles).
- Turn RIGHT onto W NORTON AVE (0.2 miles).
- Turn RIGHT onto US-31-BR SEAWAY DRIVE (2.3 miles).
- Turn slight RIGHT onto GRAND HAVEN RD (0.3 miles).
- LeFleur Shoppe is on the LEFT just past the stoplight.

Hanging of the Greens is **Sun., Nov. 20 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** We also plan on setting up an outdoor nativity and lighting on the east (Henry Street) side of the church. Hope to see you then!

Yard Signs will be available as one more way to invite people to worship with us. We'd especially love to put them in high-visibility locations. Please contact the office or stop by and pick one up toward the end of the Nov.



Radical Hospitality

We recently had a visitor return to worship after a long hiatus (because he lives in another country!). He worshiped with us again when he was in the area for work. He sent a note to let us know how much it meant to him to be welcomed back when he was in town, called by name, and remembered. **Remember how important it is to greet people warmly! It's everyone's job!**

Coffee Time is back after 9:00 a.m. worship – once a month, and we're looking for hosts. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

Celebration service (11:00 a.m. worship) is offering Fellowship Time on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We serve coffee and cookies at the back of the sanctuary after worship. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Sheryl Thompson. We'd like teams of two people.

If you're on Facebook, make sure to CONNECT and SHARE what's going on:

- Lake Harbor United Methodist Church page (**livestream Sunday worship**)
- Lake Harbor UMC – closed group
- LHUMC Children's Ministry – closed group
- Lake Harbor Youth Group – page



Please **"Check In"** on Facebook on Sunday morning whether you worship in-person or on the livestream. You can also **leave positive reviews of the church on Facebook and Google**. These are great ways to share your faith and support our efforts to reach more people in our community. They also help people who are searching to get connected more quickly. We also have a **YouTube channel** (Lake Harbor UMC) where you can access all of our worship service recordings. Feel free to subscribe!

Social Media Challenge: In the month of November, many people take on a **practice of intentional gratitude by posting something they're thankful for each day.** Though thankful prayers aren't limited to November, this is a great way to share our faith!



LAKE HARBOR'S MUSIC MINISTRY

"God gave us music that we might pray without words."

CHOIR: Choir rehearsals continue every **first and third Wednesday (Nov. 2 & 16)** as well as Sunday mornings at 8:15 a.m. Please join us!

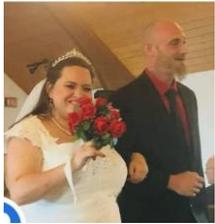
HAND BELLS: Come and join us and ring for the Advent and Christmas season. Reading music is not a requirement. We rehearse **Sunday evenings on from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the music room.



PRAISE TEAM rehearses on **Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.** Contact Michael Boersma at 231-638-0522 if you're interested in joining them to lead music for Celebration worship. We will not practice on Nov. 26.

Celebrations in our Congregation

Another Hand in Ours... Lian Giles Kever, born on Sept. 28 to Jessica & Alex Kever, brother to Lexi, and grandchild of Jim & Jan Pascavis. We ask God's continued blessing on this family.



Blessings to Sarah (Knopf) & Josh Stefanich, who were married on Oct. 15. We ask God's blessings on this union. 



"Lord, Hear our Prayers..."

When you can't put your prayer into words, God hears your heart.

Breath Prayer is a simple and powerful way to commune with God. Use a short phrase like *Your grace is enough* to center your heart and mind on God. As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, using these words can help us to extend our sense of gratitude.

Our next Prayer Service is **Wed., Nov. 30 at 6:00 p.m.** in our sanctuary. This is intentional time to lift our prayers to God for our congregation, community, and world – and to remember the words of Jesus: *where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with them.*



Our Prayer Chain is a way for you to be more intentional about praying for others. Contact the office at **Office@LakeHarborUMC.org** if you want to be included on the **E-mail Prayer Chain.**

Prayer Requests are printed off each Thursday and posted on the tower by the sign-in tables.

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.

From Pastor Mary: I came across a powerful quote from Juana Inés de la Cruz: “I don’t study to know more, but to ignore less.” More often than not, that’s the case for Bible study. The more we learn, the more we notice – and the more we realize we need to learn.

November/December Upper Room devotionals (both small and large print) are available at church. **Devotional readings** are also **posted on our Facebook page** every day. This is great way to nurture your spiritual health!

Tuesday morning Bible study meets at **10:00-11:30 a.m.** in the Lounge – or on Zoom. We’re studying the prophet Elijah in I and II Kings focusing on spiritual stamina in every season. Join us!

Men’s Bible Study meets on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** If you have questions, contact Mike Layman.

Tuesday Evenings Women's Bible Study: Our first meeting is on **Tues., Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. Friends are always welcome. Bring a Bible and yourself, and we'll see what kind of shenanigans we can get into this year! Questions? Contact facilitator Niki Epplert at 231-750-2114.

SATURDAY SISTERS BIBLE STUDY meets from **10:30 am-12:00 p.m.** We are studying **New Testament Characters**. Anyone can join in at any time for study, fellowship and prayer! We meet at Rose Emmons home (5474 McDowell St.). We will not meet on Nov. 26.

WOMEN’S PRAYER GROUP meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month - **Sat., Nov. 12 from 9:30-10:15 a.m.** at Rose Emmons home (5474 McDowell St.). We hope to see you then to spend some time in intentional prayer and praise! All are welcome.



Our small group focusing on Social Justice will meet in Dec. This is an opportunity to share, reflect, hear each other’s stories, and help each other do the work of seeking justice where we are.

Social Justice Issue: Celebration Worship chooses 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 October, our focus is **Homelessness**. Watch for more information to raise your own awareness and be more involved in community efforts.



CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS...

November birthday blessings to our Sunday School friends:

Brandan Chandler – 11/4 Berkley Schaffran - 11/4 Elliana Mosley - 11/6 Ellery Gaver - 11/8
Piper Sroka - 11/8 Brian Fessenden, Jr.- 11/11 Preston

Dean- 11/22



Sunday School meets at **10:15-10:45 a.m.** for **kids and youth**. We’re having a fun learning together. If you haven’t been here yet, please join us! **Preschool-5th graders** meet downstairs. **Grades 6-12** meet upstairs. **We will not meet on Nov. 27.**



“Surviving the Holidays”

Monday, Nov. 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$5.00 for workbook.

Please share this opportunity with family or friends. **All are welcome!**



5 Love Languages for Families: A workshop for parents, grandparents, and anyone caring for young people

Do you ever feel like you're not connecting well with the young people in your life? The premise of the 5 Love Languages is that different people with different personalities give and receive love in different ways. On **Sat., Nov. 12, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**, Lake Harbor UMC

is hosting a workshop for parents and other caregivers of children and teens (including teens!). We'll hear an explanation of what the 5 different love languages are and explore what they look like in our lives – and in the lives of kids and youth! We'll discover what our own Love Language is and find out how to identify Love Languages of our children. The workshop will be presented with lots of opportunity for discussion where we can interact with each other and gain new perspectives from one another. This is a **free workshop; however, registration (sign up) is requested** so we know how many to prepare for. Breakfast will be served. **Childcare is available at no cost, but you must register by Sun., Nov. 6.**



This year during Advent, we're doing something new and creative! Instead of taking up a traditional offering, our young people will be reading to raise money. This is part of a campaign called **Readers to Leaders** through the Michigan Annual Conference for all UMCs around the state. We're blessed and thankful to have opportunities to read and access to books, and reading daily during Advent will be a fun way to countdown the days until Christmas!

Kids and youth who participate will be asking for pledges. They may plan to read for a set amount of minutes each day. Pledges can be given per day or as a lump sum for participating. Participants can read whatever they choose from their own home libraries, or feel free to borrow books from church!

As a part of this larger campaign, **every UMC congregation is challenged to raise at least \$600.** These funds will support these ministry efforts:

- Half of the funds will benefit the **Liberia Scholarship Program** of the Michigan Conference's Liberia Ministry Partners.
- Half of the funds will benefit the Michigan Conference's Children Defense Fund **Freedom Schools Program**. The CDF program operates in Detroit and Flint, with a 6-week literacy and enrichment program, serving students in grades K-12. The program exists in communities where quality academic enrichment programming is limited, too expensive, or non-existent.

Our kids will have pledge sheets beginning the week of Thanksgiving, so please **be on the lookout for our eager 'Readers to Leaders' kids!**

Lake Harbor Youth Groups

We meet **Wednesday nights: 5th-8th grade** at 6:00-7:00 p.m. **9th-12th grade** at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

See you on **Nov. 2, 9, 16, and 30**, but we will NOT meet on Nov. 23. Happy Thanksgiving!

Join us for **Pie baking on Nov. 18-20.**

PIES, PIES, PIES! Everyone loves Pies! Once again, our High School Youth will be making their world famous pies! This year, we'll be selling a **LIMITED NUMBER OF EACH PIE**, so order early to make sure you get yours! See Jimmy or one of the youth between services to order your pies. **Pre-order sales end on Nov. 16.** Please use the form in this newsletter to order. Give it to a High School youth, or drop it in the pie box! **Pie Pick up will be Sun. Nov. 20.**



Cookie Walk is Saturday, Dec. 10. We need bakers and buyers for this event to be a success. Please let us know if you're willing to bake your favorite Christmas cookies!

Youth Group shopping for Christmas projects is Wed., Dec. 14.

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



Membership, Nurture & Outreach (M.N.O.): We welcome new members to this fun-loving group! Contact Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417 or Karen Post 231-733-2782. Join us on **Thurs., Nov. 17 at 11:00 a.m.** to send cards to College Students and young adults.



College Student Care Cards: We're thinking of our college students and Finals week quickly approaching. We'd like to show them some LHUMC love by sending a \$5.00 gift card from either Subway or Starbucks. If you'd like, please purchase **\$5.00** cards or donate money so that we can purchase the cards. Please bring the card(s) or donation to church **by Sun., Nov. 13.** Please mark your gift for "LHUMC College Students."

55 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS! In December, our **Thinking of You group** packs **Christmas goodie bags for our homebound members and friends.** We ask you to donate cookies, candy, fruit, and small items (pens, small hand creams, etc.) for the bags. We'll be packing around 30 goodie bags on **Thurs., Dec. 1 at 10:00 a.m.,** so pencil it in your calendar. Keep your eyes open for good deals on items to brighten someone's day. Go through your favorite cookie or candy recipes, make some special treats, and bag them up! Please call Sheryl Thompson at 231-286-7680 if you'd like to help out. Thank you!



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 someone who could use some meals, call Marie Kordecki at 231-740-5458. **We need some NEW COOKS!** Even if you aren't a "cook," feel free to bring in takeout (Lee's, Fazoli's or pizza). Contact Marie Kordecki if you'd like to help with this ministry.

Ross Park Readers is looking for loving servants who could offer one hour during the week reading with kids and/or helping in a classroom. Please see Pastor Mary if you're interested.

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

Snowbirds: Please let the church office know your contact information before you leave. We appreciate knowing your departure date and return date for our mailings.

New Photo Directory: We're producing our own Photo Directory, so **we need your help!** Please E-mail a recent, good quality photo (.jpeg format) to Office@LakeHarborUMC.org **by Nov. 6, 2022.** If you have a question or need help, please call the office. If you don't have a current photo, we have people available to take photos on Sunday mornings between worship services.



Missions Corner

Our Missions Team meets every other month, and we're looking for passionate people to join us! Thank you for helping us to serve others in Jesus' name. Our **next meeting is Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m.** If you have any questions or ideas, please contact the office or Jill McMahan at 231-343-5749 or jdcmmahon23@gmail.com.



Our October Noisy Offering total will be shared soon! We appreciate your support of **Church World Service** and **2022 CROP Walk!** It was a beautiful day, and our Lake Harbor UMC Team raised over \$2,500! --->



World Communion Sunday offering was \$ 217.00. Thank you for supporting this Special Sunday offering, which provides needed scholarships.

Our NOVEMBER Noisy Offering will support UMCOR Domestic Disaster Relief to provide assistance with hurricane and fire relief in the U.S. Remember: **100% GOES DIRECTLY TO DISASTER RELIEF!**



SPECIAL OFFERING for United Methodist Student Day on Sunday, Nov. 27: This offering supports scholarships administered by the General Board of Higher Education & Ministry of the United Methodist Church. Your gifts make a difference in lives of young people as they pursue their educational goals.

Supper House: Our next date to serve is **Tues., Nov. 1 from 3:45-5:30 p.m.** If you're planning on serving, call **Sheryl Thompson at 231-563-6417** so we can plan accordingly.



November MAP Items of the Month:

Beans and Instant Mashed Potatoes and Men & Women's Deodorant



MAP's Homecoming through the Decades is Sat., Nov. 5 at Folkert Community Banquet Center from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at www.missionforareapeople.org. Money raised goes to support the MAP Medical Fund.

Servants are needed at **MAP Clothes Closet** on **Tues., Dec. 6** and **Thurs., Dec. 8** from **12:30-3:00 p.m.** If you're willing to help, call Madonna Borgerding at 231-780-2998. Men's clothes are always needed!



Hand2Hand is a ministry that steps in to help ensure kids have a weekend pack of food. We'll be collecting **boxed Macaroni and Cheese** to assist Temple UMC as they provide meals for the students of Edgewood Elementary School. There is a drop box for your gifts in the sanctuary by the Hand2Hand banner.



Kids' Food Basket currently serves at least **1,650 students in Muskegon daily.** Check out their website to volunteer or call 231-747-8575. Help to fulfill **KFB's wish list:** Fruit cups or pouches, Pudding cups, and Meat sticks (like Slim Jims). Items can be brought to church and put in the KFB tote in the sanctuary. They also need **sandwich and snack size Ziplock bags** and **decorated bags.** We'll decorate bags during **Project Blessings** on Sun., Nov. 6!

Be not forgetful to entertaining strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. - Hebrews 13:2



We host on Nov. 6-13 at the Day Center. Make plans now to serve, sign up on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Kp6hzhf0xs50z0SrRaQFxQaDCCrWULQJTVN-93xXAAmM/edit>

Community Opportunities: Many local organizations are looking for people with a heart to serve – whether short-term or long-term. **Meals on Wheels** and **Red Cross** need **drivers**. There are opportunities to **mentor**. If you're looking for a new way to serve, call Pastor Mary. We can help make the connection.



Though it may seem earlier to start thinking about Christmas gifts, I'd encourage you to **consider alternative gift giving** for those loved ones who already have everything. **Giving to local, national, and global mission organizations is a great way to honor those you love and share the love of**

Jesus Christ in the world. GIVING TUESDAY is Nov. 29, so plan now!



What a nice surprise all of us Noon Monitors at Ross Park received from you. Thank you for the gift cards! We do see some of you helping out time from time as we come in for our lunch schedules. That is so wonderful your church has partnered with Ross Park. You have filled a need at Ross Park and the kids also appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Thank you again, Ann Saari



We would like to take a moment to thank you for all that you do to care for, nurture and provide spiritual guidance to our community. We appreciate you!
Thank you from the Norton Shores Police Department

Thank you to our Lake Harbor family for all of the support given in the recent loss of my stepmother, Wilma Bourdon Morton. We appreciated the kind words of encouragement, lovely cards, and thoughtful prayers through the many ups and downs of Wilma's health - and during her final days here. All expressions of loving sympathy were deeply appreciated by the whole family.

With love, Lynne Richmond



From our FINANCE Team: As we create a budget for 2023, we've asked our ministry areas to give us realistic numbers of what it takes not only to support basic operational expenses like staff salaries and building maintenance, but also to tell us what it takes to support programming for youth ministry, education, and worship. **Any budget that we create is a faith budget; however, knowing what we can expect to have to work with is important.**

Thanks to those who have prepared a Faith Commitment to offer. This is a great help to us as a community of faith and a way we seek to **have our treasure follow our hearts**. Our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness are the foundation for how we carry out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Taking the time to prayerfully consider and write down our commitment is an important part of our life together congregation.

At the end of September 2022, our total income for General Fund was \$268,161 with expenses of \$259,257. Please continue to pray for our congregation as we seek to grow in extravagant generosity as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.



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 – and can help us to be more consistent in our giving, which blesses our church.

We now have a QR code that connects to online giving, too!

From our Trustees: We completed our **annual walk-through of the parsonage** (and enjoyed a meal together) in October. Thanks for your faithful giving that makes it possible for us to maintain this part of our physical property. Work in the Memorial Garden is coming along, and we want to thank our Memorials Committee for their support of the project. If you'd like to help with a financial gift, please mark it for our Memorial Garden designated fund.



La Leche League, the breastfeeding group for parents, meets in the LHUMC nursery on **third Tues. of each month (Nov. 15) at 10:00 a.m.** Anyone interested in breastfeeding is welcome to attend. The ideal time for parents to begin attending is before arrival of the baby, but many wait until after baby is born. If you know anyone who would benefit from attending this group, please let them know. Questions? Contact Mary Swisher at 231-777-3238 or text 231-215-4145.



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.**

Lake Harbor Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The office is closed Friday and Saturday. The office phone is **231-798-2181**. If you leave a message on the weekend, **it will NOT be received until Monday.**

DID YOU KNOW? 10 people from our congregation recently completed CPR/AED training through Red Cross, including our nursery staff. We'll be working to raise awareness about important safety information that's beneficial to all of us.

Stay connected! **United Methodist Church:** www.umc.org **Michigan Area UMC:** <http://michiganumc.org> **Midwest District:** <https://midwest.michiganumc.org/> **Lake Harbor UMC:** <http://lakeharborumc.org>



Remember to **set your clocks back** on Sunday, November 6 when DST ends!

Sunday Servants

Serving November 6 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Ken Lockett

Ushers: Rod Moon, Adam Pyman, Ruth Pyman, Mark Graves

Computer: Luka Ivanov

Camera: Karen Booth

Sound: Dave Booth

FB Host: Jill McMahon

Serving November 6 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Chris Beaudoin

Greeters: Sheryl Thompson & GL Bates

Computer: Skylar Bosch

Camera: Aiden Bosch

Sound: Bob Bosch

FB Host: Jill McMahon

Tear down: Jimmy & Niki Epplert

Counters: Steve Hill, Jeanne Funnell

Serving November 13 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Ken Lockett

Ushers: Jim Post, Karen Post, Peggy Tully

Computer: Luka Ivanov

Camera: Karen Booth

Sound: Rob Mertz

FB Host: Ivan Ivanov

Serving November 13 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Dirk Fuller

Greeters: John Thompson & John Colella

Computer: Jim Grace

Camera: Jeff Verry

Sound: Karen Grace

FB Host: Niki Epplert

Tear down: Laura Dean & Kelsey Boss

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Laura Maniaci

Serving November 20 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Ken Lockett

Ushers: Fred Yonkers, Pat Yonkers, Rod Moon, Kathy Mertz

Computer: Fred Yonkers

Camera: Pat Yonkers

Sound: Rob Mertz

FB Host: Ivan Ivanov

Serving November 20 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Brad Hilleary

Greeters: Jill McMahon and Jill Warren

Computer: Julie Fuller

Camera: Jay McMahon

Sound: Arianna Davros

FB Host: Jeff Verry

Tear down: Chris Beaudoin

Counters: Bev Layman, Allen Winslow

Serving November 27 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Ken Lockett

Ushers: John Decker, Gayle Decker, Mark Rousell

Computer: Larry Kasmauski

Camera: Lisa Kasmauski

Sound: Gary Cooper

FB Host: Ivan Ivanov

Coffee Hosts: Marie Kordecki, Jan Justus

Serving November 27 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Rose Emmons

Greeters: Jan Pascavis & Jean Kelly

Computer: Brian Mosley

Camera: Jason Colella

Sound: Pete Thompson

FB Host: Jill McMahon

Tear down: Rose Emmons & GL Bates

Counters: Cyndi Barefoot, Peggy Miller

Thanks to everyone who serves to make our worship services meaningful, memorable, and accessible!



Lake Harbor Homemade Holiday Pie Project

Name _____ Phone # _____ \$10.00 a pie

___ Apple

___ Dutch Apple

___ Pumpkin

___ Cherry

Pies will be available for pick-up on Sun., Nov. 20.

Proceeds support our 2023 Mission Trip Fund. Deadline to order is Wed., Nov. 16.