

Lake Harbor's Harbor Light

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REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MARY IVANOV



One of my favorite parts of the Advent and Christmas season is taking in the beauty of the decorations after the work is done! This starts early with babies fascinated by Christmas trees, lights, and ornaments – and all of us pausing to take a breath and look at light displays and special ornaments as we get older. My plan this year is to pay closer attention to the nativity sets that are a part of our worship space and my home décor. **Though we know that the story of Jesus' birth is far from peaceful, we can trust in the promise of the Prince of Peace.**

I hope you'll **be a part of the many opportunities for worship, community, study, giving, and connection** during December. It's a powerful commitment that will change our perspective on this season and offer a witness to the world around us that Jesus is the Light of the World. ***O come, let us adore him...***

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Mary*



2024 Hanging of the Greens

**We're grateful for
many hands and hearts
who helped to prepare our
sanctuary for the season!**



Yard Signs are available as one more way to invite people to worship with us. We'd especially love to put them in high-visibility locations. Please pick one up!



From our Education Team: Did you know that **we offer Nursery care for children from birth through 4 years old** on Sunday mornings? This is a blessing for families and our congregation. As per our Protection Policy, we staff Nursery with two people. **We're looking for some loving, caring people to join our Nursery Caregiver crew on Sunday mornings – either as a regular part of the team or as a substitute.** A background check is required, and more details are available from Kate Robbins, our Children's Christian Education Director or Pastor Mary Ivanov. Please contact one of them if you'd be interested in learning more about this opportunity to care for our young ones!



“Come, Let Us Adore Him”

Advent is a season of anticipation that comes in the midst of life in all its fullness and its messiness. We are wrapped up in so many things, getting so many things done, so many things right, that we can be surprised that the very thing we are planning for actually comes.

Tradition and remembering the songs and stories from our beginnings can be a powerful invitation to grow as disciples as we grow closer to

Christ. Embrace the Presence and Promise of the Christ who comes as we hear the prophets foretell and the Gospels proclaim the power of the Incarnation. And through it all, we will gather to worship. So, *come, let us adore him.*

Dec. 1, 2024: “Preparations”

Scripture: Jeremiah 33: 14-16; Luke 21: 25-36

Synopsis: We are people who live in anticipation, who live in hope. It is the essence of our being. So, at the beginning of Advent, we hear the call to **pay attention**. Our life is a life of fullness and joy, but it is also a preparation for even more fullness – sanctification. Riskier still, we say we are moving on to perfection.

Dec. 8, 2024: “Passion”

Scripture: Malachi 3: 1-4; Luke 3: 1-6

Synopsis: We’re called to watch for and notice the ones who “prepare the way” for the coming Messiah, including those whose words convict us of our need for salvation. We may even notice in their words a call to us to be the ones who answer the call to prepare the way with passion.

Mon., Dec. 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.: [“Mystery of the Christmas Star”](#) at Muskegon Community College’s Carr-Fles Planetarium. Sign up at the Welcome Center. If you want a ride, meet at LHUMC at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 15, 2024: “Presence”

Scripture: Isaiah 12: 2-6; Luke 3: 7-18

Synopsis: John the Baptist’s words are tough to hear. Something is seriously out of sync. But the message of Advent is that there is hope. Our joy resides in the promise of redemption from our broken world, and John’s words call us to be present to and with each other now. Joy is here, not in the denial of the brokenness, but that brokenness is not the last word.

Blue Christmas – Mon., Dec. 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.: “Peace”



Scripture: John 1: 1-5

Synopsis: We seek true peace and comfort in this season when it’s promised in songs and decorations. Peace of God and comfort in God’s care is ours, even as we acknowledge the pain of death, strained relationships, changes in life circumstances, and other situations.

Dec. 22, 2024: “Promise”

Scripture: Micah 5: 2-5a; Luke 1: 26-55

Synopsis: Mary’s “yes” and Elizabeth’s faithfulness guide our path, showing that we too have a role to play in bearing God’s good news into the world. How will we respond to the invitation to participate in God’s promise? How will we share real hope – not simply a wish – but the promise of God fulfilled in Jesus?

Christmas Eve - Tues., Dec. 24, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.: "Joy"

Scripture: Isaiah 9: 2-7; Luke 2: 1-20

Synopsis: The first gift of Christmas, a proclamation from heaven itself, is joy. "I bring you great joy." You aren't required to feel a certain way about it. It's yours, but not yours alone. Emmanuel, God with us, is the great joy for all people.

There will be a short service of candles and carols in the parking lot at 9:00 p.m.

Dec. 29, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.: "Home"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26; Luke 2: 15-21

Synopsis: Christmas has come and gone and now it is time for everyone to go home – the shepherds, Mary and Joseph, and us too. We go home changed, transformed by the message of the Incarnation – that we are not alone, that we have connection and hope.



Fellowship Time is offered after both worship services, so we're looking for people to serve coffee and refreshments. **Sign up** at the Welcome Center for Early and Celebration services.

Worship Connections Team meetings are open to everyone. Karen Booth leads the Worship Connections Team which meets **most Mondays at 1:00 p.m.** at church. Please contact Karen for more details.

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

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



Please **"Check In"** on Facebook whether you worship in-person or on the live-stream.

We also have a **YouTube channel** (Lake Harbor UMC) where you can access all of our worship service recordings. Feel free to subscribe! And our website upgrade is near completion, so look for a new look coming soon!

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

Come, Let Us Adore Him... Both choir and hand bells are embracing our worship theme during December. Every Sunday, **music ministry at the 9:00 a.m. service will be provided by both Vocal Choir and Hand Bell choir.** Choir rehearsals are **Wed., Dec. 4** and **Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Hand Bells practice on **Sundays at 6:00-7:30 p.m.** In addition, the Hand Bell choir is taking our music ministry "outside of the church building" and ringing for the residents of **Seminole Shores on Sun., Dec. 1 at 5:00 p.m.** and the residents at **Dayspring on Sun., Dec. 8 at 4:00 p.m.**

On Christmas Eve, before 10:00 p.m. worship, hand bells will present a "Christmas Meditation" of carols **at 9:45 p.m.** to prepare your mind and soul for the coming of the Christ Child. For more information, contact Diane Thompson.

PRAISE TEAM rehearses on **Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.** Contact Michael Boersma, if you're interested in joining them.



All-Church Worship Brainstorming Tues., Dec. 10, 2024 at noon

“Do Unto Others”

(Jan. 19 – Feb. 23, 2025)

Jesus taught that we should treat others as we want them to treat us – including those with whom we disagree. Known as **The Golden Rule**, a version of this teaching can be found in almost every religion in the world. This holds the power to bring people together again. And this is one of the most important things we can proclaim right now.

Worship brainstorming will be held in the Lounge. Join us for a **potluck lunch at 12:00 p.m.** Sloppy joes will be provided; please bring a dish to share. The **brainstorming is from 12:45-3:00 p.m.**

More information about each week’s Scripture readings and message will become available at church and at our website. RSVP to Karen Booth or call the church office at 798-2181, or by signing up at church.

“Lord, Hear our Prayers...”

Our Monthly Prayer Service won’t meet in December, but our **Blue Christmas Service** on **Mon., Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m.** is a time of prayer and reflection, especially for the struggles in our lives. Join us.

Our Prayer Chain is one way 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 posted on the tower by the sign-in tables.

Our “Thankful” video is a wonderful witness! Thanks to Karen Booth and our Worship Team for encouraging us to put words to gratitude and create a gift that will last a long time! If you haven’t seen the video, find it at this link: [LHUMC Thankful video](#)

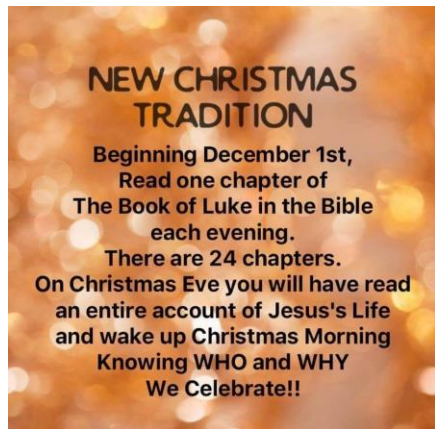


GriefShare offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We begin our next 13-week session on **Mon., Jan. 13, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. and we meet on

Mondays through April 7. More information is at www.griefshare.org. Please share this with family, friends, or neighbors. **Special thanks to our facilitation team** - Rose Emmons, Pastor Mark Erbes, Pastor Mary Ivanov, Sheryl Thompson, and Vicki Zuker – for their commitment to this ministry!

For additional resources on grief, visit www.sytsemcompass.com. They have compiled a listing of local grief support resources.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT



December Upper Room devotionals (small print) are available.

Devotional readings are posted on our Facebook page every day. This is great way to nurture your spiritual health! **You can access an audio recording of the Upper Room daily devotional at 1-877-600-7218.**


Tuesday morning Bible study meets at **10:00-11:30 a.m.** in the Lounge – and on Zoom. We’re studying the Gospel of John. New members are always welcome! We will celebrate the holidays with a **finger food potluck on Dec. 17** and resume meeting on **Jan. 7, 2025.**

Men’s Bible Study meets on **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library. **They are in an Advent Study**, and this is a great time to join the group! **They meet through Dec. 17** and then resume their study of Deuteronomy on Jan. 7, 2025. Contact Mike Layman if you have any questions.

NEW NAME, SAME GROUP! Saturday Sisters women's Bible study has a new name: **SPIRIT SISTERS BIBLE STUDY!** We meet for study, prayer and support for all who wish to enrich their walk with Jesus. We welcome new members at any time! We continue to meet **Wed. evenings from 600-7:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. We will have our **final meeting of the year on Dec. 11** when we will gather for a Christmas Celebration sharing food and fellowship! We'll begin a **new study on Jan. 8, 2025.** Looking for a place to connect with other Christian sisters? Join us; we'd love to welcome you!

Social Justice Issue: Celebration Worship chooses a **prayer focus each month** to raise awareness of **how our faith connects to important social issues.** We begin with prayer, and we're called to action. In **December,** our focus is **Immigration & Refugees.**



 **Our Social Justice small group** will meet on **Thurs., Dec. 12 at 7:00 p.m.** This is an opportunity to share, reflect, hear others' stories, and help others do the work of seeking justice where we are.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS...

Sunday School meets at **10:15-10:45 a.m.** for **kids and youth.** We're having a fun learning together. Join us if you haven't yet! **No meetings on Dec. 1 and Dec. 29.**



Trunk or Treat was a huge success! We had **lots of kids and families (at least 300)** lined up ready to go, and the line kept going! Thanks to our Education Team for their leadership, NSPD and Officer Dave Wypa, and to everyone who opened your trunk to our community! 🍊



Our Education team is gifting each family at LHUMC with a book called **Faithful Families for Advent and Christmas** by Traci Smith. We've used Traci's resources over the past few years in many ways. She has a way of sharing ideas and faith with families that doesn't overwhelm, but inspires! This book is designed for families with kids of all ages, and our hope is that you'll choose a couple that fit your family's needs. **If you didn't receive your copy yet, they are available in the Sunday School hallway downstairs.**

Come, Let us Adore Him on **Sat., Dec. 7, from 10:00-11:30 am.** **Everyone is invited to join us as we enter Advent.** This **FREE,** multi-generational event is designed to bring together all ages to interact and nurture relationships. We'll tell a story together, make something unique to take home, make something creative to give away, and eat some tasty treats together! We'll provide the supplies and goodies, so **it's important to sign up at the Welcome Center** so we can plan for you!



Lake Harbor Youth Groups

Our focus this fall has been on OVERCOMING and staying focused on who we are in spite of what is happening in the world around us. We are still called to love God, each other, and ourselves! When we claim Jesus, that should be seen in our actions and heard in our words.



November's Cooking with Jimmy was a huge success! We made soups, casseroles, and the freezer is filled for our Soup Pot Ministry to be used to bless families throughout the year. It was a fun night filled with laughter and learning!



Thank you so much to everyone who ordered, bought, ate, enjoyed, gifted, helped make, or had anything to do with this year's pie weekend. We made over **250** pies, and all of the proceeds will support next summer's mission trip!



All December meetings are combined from 6:00-8:00 p.m. as our focus is TOGETHERNESS!

Dec. 4: Baking together downstairs in the kitchen to prepare for our Cookie Walk on Sat., Dec. 14

Dec. 11: Shopping together for families in need of help

Dec. 14: Cookie Walk Fundraiser from 10:00 am-12:00 pm - We'll need lots of help!

Dec. 18: Christmas Party!

No meeting on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. Enjoy your break and spend special time with your families!

Christmas is upon us, and we see the joy all around us! Please be mindful and prayerful for those that struggle this time of year with all the stress that can be a part of the holidays. Grace is a gift, so give some! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! PEACE AND LOVE JIMMY



Cookie Walk Fundraiser Sat., Dec. 14 at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Come to the Lounge to purchase a container for \$15.00 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!



We need BAKERS to make our Cookie Walk a success! Please consider baking a few batches of your favorite cookie – or ask Jimmy for ideas! We appreciate all the help we can get!



Missions Corner: Missions Team is always looking for passionate people to join us! Thank you for helping us serve others in Jesus' name. If you have questions or ideas, please contact the office or Jill McMahon. Our next meeting is **Mon., Dec. 2 at 6:00 p.m.**



Supper House: We serve on **Tues., Dec. 3 at 3:00-5:00 p.m.** with a team of 6 people. **If you plan on serving, contact Sheryl Thompson** so we can plan accordingly.

Our November Noisy Offering was \$544.45 to support **AgeWell Services/Meals on Wheels.** Thank you for your generosity!

United Methodist Student Day offering was \$257. Thank you for your generous support. Your gifts make a difference in lives of young people as they pursue their educational goals.

There's no specific Noisy Offering in December, but there are many opportunities to give! **Look at the Giving Opportunities page** and consider alternative giving for the people in your life! What a wonderful way to honor them!



Look for a **letter coming in December** inviting you to participate in our special **Christmas offering** that will support UMCOR's response to natural disasters. (See Bishop Bard's note in this newsletter.)



December MAP Food Pantry items: Peanut butter and Toothpaste

MAP Clothes Closet We serve on **Tues., Dec. 17 & Thurs., Dec. 19 at 12:15 p.m.** If you're willing to help, call the Office at 231-798-2181. There is an **urgent need for winter wear** and always need for **men's clothes, housewares, and plastic shopping bags**. They can be left in the MAP box by the main doors in the sanctuary.



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

Our next week to serve is Dec. 29-Jan. 4 – providing food items and delivering meals to the Day Center. Please sign up where you will help out at: [Family Promise Sign-up](#) or contact Jill McMahon or Ruth Pyman



Membership, Nurture & Outreach (M.N.O.) News: We always welcome new members to this fun-loving group! Contact Sheryl Thompson or Karen Post.



Soup Fest 2024 was a huge success! We made 3 types of soup and packaged up 14 quarts for our Soup Pot Ministry, which supports our congregation with a homemade meal after hospital stays or in other times of need. Thanks to our cooks!



Thinking of You – A Christmas Tradition

Join us on **Wed., Dec. 4 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Lounge to pack Christmas bags for our **homebound friends**.

We need:

- ❖ Homemade cookies individually wrapped or bagged
- ❖ Individually wrapped chocolates or candies
- ❖ ***“Special Delivery”*** people are needed, too! (Arrive around 11:00 a.m. if possible)

Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Sheryl Thompson church office to let us know how you will help out. **If you're donating items, please bring them in by Wed., Dec. 4.**

Care Team will meet on **Wed., Dec. 4** at 11:00 a.m.



If you're in the hospital or care facility, 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.

Lunch Bunch meets on **Tues., Dec. 10 at 12:00 p.m.** at **Driftwood Café**. Everyone is invited! It's a great way to see friends and meet new people!



34 College Student and Young Adult Care Cards were mailed out before Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting this important outreach to all our young adults!

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, this helps us save on Returned Postage.

An updated Photo Directory was E-mailed out in October. Please take a look and make sure that your contact information is accurate. **It's never too late** to submit or update your photo! Email it to Office@LakeHarborUMC.org.

Over the years, I have participated in many so-called **"Blue Christmas"** services in various churches and communities. (A reminder that **ours at Lake Harbor is on Mon., Dec. 16**). Whenever I have done so, I am reminded again by the large number of persons who attend how the holiday season can be difficult for so many for so many reasons. I am also aware that for some, this time of year brings into stark reality the conclusion reached by those in the public health sector that loneliness has reached epidemic proportions in our society.

As followers of Christ, we are called to remember that he promised to "never leave us as orphans" (John 14:18). In other words, we are to remember that in Christ, we are never alone. And so we are called further to be the presence of Christ particularly in this season for those who are alone in the ways that we can. Whether it's a visit or simply a phone call, we can reach out to those folks around us who are lonely. And in doing so, we are blessing them with the **"present of presence"** in the name of the One who is our loving companion through all seasons of life. Blessings, Pastor Mark Erbes, Congregational Care Coordinator



Countless thanks to our friends at Lake Harbor for your steadfast love, touching cards, and healing words upon the death of my husband, Roger. The memorial service was a wonderful tribute thanks to Pastor Mary, Pastor Mark, and Michael's music! The luncheon committee provided a lovely meal, as always - and served everything with warm hospitality. Also appreciated were the many prayers that supported me and my family during Roger's week in ICU, during our days of untold decisions, and during our quiet conversations and final goodbyes to Roger. Thank you, all, for every moment that you tended our hearts.

With blessings and love, Lynne Richmond



On behalf of Midwest Missions and UMCOR, I want to thank you for the donations of shampoo and trash bags. Your generous donations will be deeply appreciated by those who receive them.

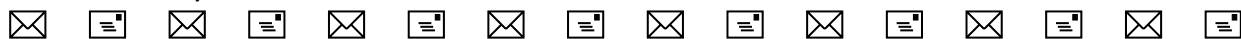
Sincerely Scott McRee, University United Methodist Church
(Pastor Mary delivered the items with Ana's help on a visit to MSU!)



Thank you for the thoughtful gift. The blanket is beautiful and gets daily use.

Reid will enjoy the Bible as we begin books with him soon.

Love, the Booth Family; Chris, Chelsea, Max and Reid





All financial gifts for 2024 need to be in the office by Sun., Dec. 29 for our counters to count on Mon. Dec. 30. Thank you!

From our FINANCE Team: At the end of October 2024, our total income for General Fund was \$325,005 with expenses of \$315,064. Our Ministry Shares are paid in full for 2024, and we're able to meet our budget needs. We give thanks for God's faithfulness, and we're grateful for your consistent giving and generosity as partners in mission and ministry.

Thanks to those who have offered a Faith Commitment for 2025. Our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness make a difference! **With your faith commitments, we're proposing a budget for 2025 with a 4% increase over our 2024 budget in order to support mission and ministry.** Please offer your faith commitment if you haven't yet. It's a blessing to all of us as we love and serve God together.

YTD Giving Statements will be sent out and available the week of December 15. Please check these statements for accuracy of your giving in 2024. If there are questions or concerns, contact our Financial Secretary, Gail Barefoot, at FinSec@LakeHarborumc.org or call the office. A final 2024 giving statement will be mailed in January. Also, your 2025 envelopes are available for pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you have not been assigned envelopes and would like to use them for your giving, contact Gail, and she will make them available to you. The final deposit for giving for 2024 will be **Mon., Dec. 30.**



OFFICE HOURS are Monday – Thursday from 9:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. The office is closed Friday and Saturday. The office phone is 231-798-2181. Messages left on weekends will be returned on Monday. **The office will be closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1.**



Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit card or debit card. Electronic giving is easy and stress free, offers convenience for you, and offers consistency in giving, which blesses our church. 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.

Use this QR code to connect to online giving.



From our Trustees: Thank you for your continued financial support that helps us to care for the needs of our physical space for our ministry. **Gifts to our Preservation Fund, which we use for building needs, are always appreciated** – whether planned or given anytime!

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



La Leche League, the breastfeeding group for parents, will meet at Lake Harbor UMC Nursery area on **Tues., Dec. 10 at 11:00 a.m.** Questions? Contact Mary Swisher.

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>

Sunday Servants:

Serving Dec. 1 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Dave Lorenz

Ushers: Dave Stamy, Adam & Ruth Pyman

Computer: Karen Booth *Camera:* Jean Kelly

Sound: David Booth *FB Host:* Jill McMahon

Counters: Steve Hill, Bev Layman

Serving Dec. 1 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Brad Hilleary

Greeters: Sheryl Thompson & G.L. Bates

Computer: Skyler Bosch *Camera:* Russ Loomis

Sound: Bob Bosch *FB Host:* Jill McMahon

Tear Down: Jimmy & Niki Epplert

Serving Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Annette Erbes

Ushers: Jim Post, Karen Post, Peggy Tully

Computer: Fred Yonkers *Camera:* Pat Yonkers

Sound: Ruth Pyman *FB Host:* Ivan Ivanov

Counters: Madonna Borgerding, Karen Hill

Serving Dec. 8 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Dirk Fuller

Greeters: John Thompson & Sheryl Thompson

Computer: Jim Grace *Camera:* Julie Fuller

Sound: Karen Grace *FB Host:* Niki Epplert

Tear down: Nicole & Dan Malseed

Serving Dec. 15 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Dave Lorenz

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

Computer: Larry Kasmauski *Camera:* Lisa Kasmauski

Sound: Gary Cooper *FB Host:* Jen Cooper

Counters: Cyndi Barefoot, Laura Maniaci

Serving Dec. 15 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader & Tear down: Chris Beaudoin

Greeters: Jill Warren & Jill McMahon

Computer: Julie Fuller *Camera:* Jay McMahon

Sound: Arianna Davros *FB Host:* Ruth McPhail Ubaldo



Serving Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m. - Blue Christmas

Computer: Julie Fuller

Camera: Jean Kelly

Sound: Ruth Pyman

FB Host: TBD

Serving Dec. 22 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Annette Erbes

Ushers: Mark Rousell, Bob Keim

Computer: Luka Ivanov *Camera:* Derek Mertz

Sound: Rob Mertz *FB Host:* Ivan Ivanov

Counters: Ed Baranowski, Mudgi Cavender

Serving Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Rose Emmons

Greeters: Jan Pascavis & Ruth McPhail Ubaldo

Computer: Brian Mosley *Camera:* Jason Colella

Sound: Pete Thompson *FB Host:* Michelle Frazier

Tear Down: Rose Emmons & G.L. Bates

We're looking for helpers on Christmas Eve! If you're available, please contact the office.

Serving Dec. 24 at 7:00 p.m.:

Worship Leader: TBD

Greeters: TBD

Computer: Julie Fuller *Camera:* TBD

Sound: TBD *FB Host:* TBD

Serving Dec. 24 at 10:00 p.m.:

Worship Leader: TBD

Greeters: TBD

Computer: Karen Booth *Camera:* TBD

Sound: David Booth

Dec. 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: TBD

Ushers: Dave Stamy, Adam & Ruth Pyman
Computer: Karen Booth Camera: Jean Kelly
Sound: David Booth FB Host: TBD
Counters: Ed Baranowski, Mike Layman



for making our worship services meaningful, memorable, and accessible!

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.



If you're on Facebook, please SHARE events and invite others!

We have events set up for Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, and other opportunities during December. This is an easy way to encourage others to come to worship or get connected.



Lake Harbor UMC Giving and Gifting Opportunities

Have you considered how you might **show your love for God and others in a new way?**

Our Missions Team has put together some great ideas – some old and some new! We’re confident in these organizations. They do good work in our community. Our giving is a reflection of God’s love in our lives – and one way we celebrate the coming of Christ for the whole world and show our love for him. **Give in as many ways as you’d like. If you have any questions, please call the office.**

Prison Fellowship Angel Tree provides gifts to children whose parent is incarcerated. We have specific gift tags for **25 children** who live in our area. If you’d like to purchase one of these gifts, tags will be ready on **Sun., Dec. 1**. Please **bring WRAPPED gifts to church by Sun., Dec. 15**.



Kids Belong supports Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship families during this holiday season. We’re sponsoring **10 stockings** that will bless kids and youth. We have all the information you need including age and ideas from the recipient. **Please return your filled stockings by Wed., Dec. 4.**

Mission for Area People (MAP)

TEEN TOWN gift suggestions (15-18 years old):

- lounge pants, hoodies, or pajama sets
- fuzzy or fleece blankets
- bath sets, makeup sets, or grooming sets
- art supplies or art kits
- basketballs, footballs, or soccer balls

Please **bring UNWRAPPED gifts by Sun., Dec. 8.**

Muskegon County Jail - Christmas bags delivered through the Chaplain’s Office

- white socks (no logo)
- personal/travel size toiletries (no mouthwash)
- instant coffee packets
- Ramen noodles
- Rice Krispie Treats or Little Debbie snacks

Please **bring items by Sun., Dec. 8.**

We continue to support **ongoing needs in our community**, and you can help!



hand2hand.

Hand2Hand helps kids with a weekend pack of food. We’re collecting **canned pasta** to assist Temple UMC as they provide meals for the students of Edgewood Elementary School. There is a box for your gifts in the sanctuary by the Hand2Hand banner.

Shoes for Shores was born at LHUMC and provides shoes and boots for kids in need in our area. Make a monetary donation so that we’re ready to purchase the right size when we get a request.



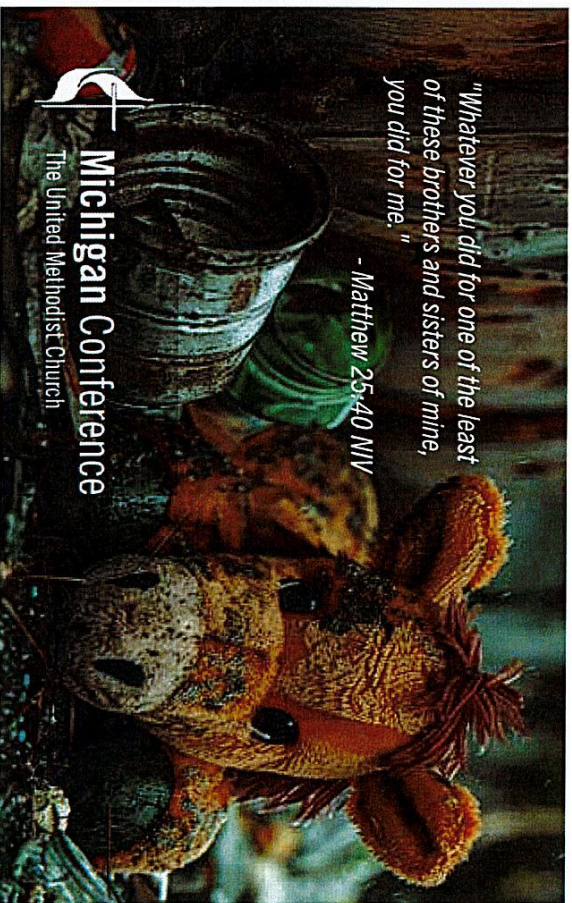
Kids' Food Basket

Kids’ Food Basket currently serves **2,000 students in Muskegon daily**. Fill the **wish list**: Fruit cups or pouches, Pudding cups, and Meat sticks (like Slim Jims). Items can be put in the KFB tote in the sanctuary. They also need **sandwich and snack size Ziplock bags** and **decorated bags**.

Visit their website to help: <https://kfb.volunteerhub.com>.

Supper House Christmas Party: We’re able to provide **warm socks, hats, gloves, and scarves for 20 people** this year through your faithful giving!

Mission for Area People (MAP) Food Pantry: Use the **Reverse Advent calendar** (on the back page) to fill a box of food with items for families in need.



"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40 NIV

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When Christmas dreams are washed away you can bring hope.

This year, the lives of thousands of Americans were devastated by hurricanes, fires, floods, and record-breaking tornadoes across the Midwest. As we enter this Advent season, we are reminded that the need is great and we are called to love and support one another in times of suffering.

We invite you to join with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to provide essential disaster relief and restore hope to those facing hardship here at home. Your gift this season will allow UMCOR to continue its vital work of rebuilding lives and embodying Christ's love and compassion to communities in their greatest need.

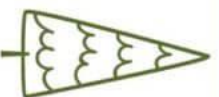
Blessed Advent. Joyous Christmas. Thank you.

David & Barb

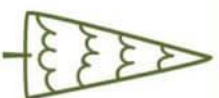
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Please note "Bishop's Advent Appeal" in the memo line if using a check to donate. Click QR code to give electronically.



FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR



- Dec 1: Peanut butter
- Dec 2: Canned fruit
- Dec 3: Instant potatoes
- Dec 4: Oatmeal packets
- Dec 5: Stovetop stuffing
- Dec 6: Toothbrushes
- Dec 7: Toothpaste
- Dec 8: Feminine hygiene
- Dec 9: Box of pasta
- Dec 10: Canned veggies
- Dec 11: Canned tuna or chicken
- Dec 12: Box of rice
- Dec 13: Spaghetti sauce
- Dec 14: Hearty canned soup
- Dec 15: Peanut butter crackers
- Dec 16: Cake mix/boxed dessert
- Dec 17: Canned veggies
- Dec 18: Macaroni & cheese
- Dec 19: Deodorant
- Dec 20: Pancake mix
- Dec 21: Cereal
- Dec 22: Canned fruit
- Dec 23: Box of Pasta
- Dec 24: Cookies/something fun!