

# Lake Harbor's Harbor Light

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## REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MARY IVANOV



Sometimes you try something new, and it sticks! You may have joined me in December as we read through the Gospel of Luke. In considering a new year and a desire to keep on reading Scripture consistently, I offered reading through the 31 chapters of Proverbs in January. I've heard positive feedback, so I'll keep going!

During the month of February, I'm inviting you to **join me in reading through the Gospel of Matthew**. As we live in the season of Epiphany and embrace **our year-long theme of "Living in the Light of Jesus,"** Matthew offers us one of the four accounts of Jesus' life and ministry, **including the Sermon on the Mount**.



There's also a special opportunity to see **"Godspell" at Muskegon Civic Theater, which runs from Feb. 7-22**. It's an interesting production that draws from the Gospel of Matthew. See you on Sunday, *Pastor Mary*

## Reminders for opportunities coming soon!

**Ash Wednesday is March 5.** Muskegon Methodist Ministries is grateful to **welcome Bishop David Bard as our preacher for worship at 7:00 p.m. at Central UMC**. Mark your calendar and plan to begin the season of Lent together with friends in Christ!



**Michigan Conference Advocacy Day is on Wed., March 12** - a day of prayer, public witness, and meetings with elected officials about legislation in 2019 that changed auto insurance laws. Because of these changes, Michigan drivers must select from confusing insurance coverage options that can have terrible consequences when a crash causes serious injury requiring long-term care. Some

people are literally dying from these changes in coverage. Learn more and register at

<https://michiganumc.org/advocacy-day-2025>

**From our Education Team:** We're looking for 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!



## February Worship News by Karen Booth

### Feb. 2, 2025: "Listen More, Speak Less: **Humility**"

*Scripture:* Ephesians 4: 1-6

*Synopsis:* The root of the word "human" is the same as the word "humility." It all means literally "on the ground." From dust we came, and to dust we shall return. When we hear each other's fears, anxieties, and pain, we can return to the ground of hope - that we are all experiencing the pains of being human. This week we remember to look first at our neighbor as a person, not a position. Beginning conversations this way may help us to stay human and "on the ground" with one another rather than needing to come out on top.

### Feb. 9, 2025: "Living Together on Uncommon Ground: **Respect**"

*Scripture:* 1 Corinthians 12: 1-26

*Synopsis:* "R.E.S.P.E.C.T., find out what it means to me," so sang Aretha Franklin. And she convinced us that it means a lot. Sometimes we think having respect means to agree or be the same. But that is not actually the depth of what respect is about. It comes from the Latin *respectus* which means "the act of looking at one often, to consider, to observe." We are called to respect by tending to one another – regarding each other, considering each other – early and often. As we live on uncommon ground (because the reality is that common ground is sometimes not possible), what can we do to keep tending to one another as "kin" worthy of respect despite our differences?

### Feb. 16, 2025: "Malice toward None: **Love**"

*Scripture:* Matthew 22: 34-40

*Synopsis:* Loving our neighbors – including relatives, coworkers, acquaintances, strangers – as ourselves is no simple task. We need God. We need the love of God to show us mercy and strength to love as God loves. We need the story of Jesus – the one who loved across the lines that had been drawn in the society of his day but who also stood up for the least and the lost. We need faith that no matter the strain of differing positions, policies, and politics, we will move forward in love. Disagreeing need not be antithetical to love and grace. And indeed, our world depends on all of us working for a better world filled with more kindness, compassion, humility, respect, and love.

### Feb. 23, 2025: "Making Room for **Peace**"

*Scripture:* John 20: 19-23; Luke 6: 37-38

*Synopsis:* The theme of "doing unto others" is needed now more than ever. Lest anxiety, fear, unrealistic expectations, or resentment take the upper hand as we deal with this traumatic time of division, let us focus on the only thing we can control – how we treat one another. How we care for one another. And this task requires the enlarging of our hearts.



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



**Un-hanging of the Greens** is Sun., Feb. 23 at 3:00 p.m. with pizza to follow. *Many hands make light work.* Please join us!

**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. We have a team of people that now leads the Celebration Team. Please contact the Office at 231-798-2181 or [Offece@LakeHarborUMC.org](mailto:Offece@LakeHarborUMC.org) for more details.

## **All-Church Worship Brainstorming “A Lenten Supper: Dinner with Jesus”**

We'll gather at **Ed and Sue Baranowski's home on Mon., Feb. 10.** We'll share a **potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to share. **Brainstorming is from 7:00-9:30 p.m.**



Meals were one of Jesus' ministry strategies. According to the Gospels, Jesus ate with many people, including tax collectors, sinners, and his apostles. A Lenten Supper is any meal that becomes more than a meal. The soul is nourished along with the body.

More information about each week's Scripture and message will become available at church and on our website. To RSVP, call the church office (231-798-2181) or sign up at church. Everyone is invited!

## **MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES... “God gave us music that we might pray without words.”**

**Our hand bell ringers** are looking for new ringers to join them for the Lenten season. **We practice on Sundays at 6:00 p.m.** Please contact Diane Thompson for more information.

**“Sing to the Lord a new song”** Come, join your voice in song. **Choir meets on Wednesdays: Feb. 5, 12, & 26 at 6:30-8:00 p.m.** and at 8:15 a.m. Sunday mornings.

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



### ***“Lord, Hear our Prayers...”***

**Our Monthly Prayer Service** is **Wed., Feb. 26 at 5:30 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 – and to remember the words of Jesus: *where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with them.*

**Our Prayer Chain** is one way to be more intentional about praying for others. Contact the office at [Office@LakeHarborUMC.org](mailto:Office@LakeHarborUMC.org) if you want to be included on the E-mail Prayer Chain.

**Weekly Prayer Requests** are posted on the tower by the sign-in tables.



**GriefShare** offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. We meet on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lounge through April 7. More information is at [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**For additional resources on grief**, visit [www.sytsemcompass.com](http://www.sytsemcompass.com). They have compiled a listing of local grief support resources.

## **INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

**February Upper Room devotionals** are available at church. **Devotional readings** are also **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.** It's free and easy to do!

**Spiritual Gifts:** Do you know the specific gifts that God has given you? **Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills, but the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the**

**world's deep need.** The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us. You can learn more about God's gifts in you by taking an inventory. Copies are available at church, or you can use this link and complete the inventory online: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/spiritual-gifts>  
Please share your results with Pastor Mary!

**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 not meet on Feb. 18.

**Men's Bible Study** meets on **Tuesdays (Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25) at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library as they resume their study of Deuteronomy. Contact Mike Layman if you have any questions.

**SPIRIT SISTERS BIBLE STUDY** meets **Wednesdays (Feb. 5, 12, 19 & 26) at 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. We'll continue our study called *Strength in the Struggle* - a Bible study for women on letting go of fear and anxiety. 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 **February**, our focus is **Access to Health Care.**



**Our Social Justice small group** meets on **Thurs., Feb. 13 at 7:00 p.m.** 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS...



**Movie Night on Fri., Feb. 7 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Bring a friend, and join us for a FREE, fun evening viewing *The Wild Robot*. Find out what happens when Roz is shipwrecked on an uninhabited island and must adapt to her surroundings. See how she builds relationships with the local wildlife and becomes the adoptive mother of an orphaned goose. Feel free to wear your pajamas. Refreshments will be provided.

**Our Sunday School** classes and Youth Group students will help to shower our homebound friends with **Valentine love in February.** Our MNO team will put them in the goodie bags they are putting together. There are supplies on the back table in the sanctuary for anyone who would like to help. Feel free to make them on Sunday or any other day before **Wed., Feb. 12.**



**GRACE  
OUTSIDE**

Even the middle of winter is the perfect time to be thinking about your summer plans – including Christian camping! Follow these links to find great options for everyone, including family camping: [www.graceoutside.org](http://www.graceoutside.org) and [www.lakelouisecommunity.org](http://www.lakelouisecommunity.org)

**Scholarships are available too, first come first served, so don't wait!** If you have any questions, please contact Niki Epplert or the office.

## Lake Harbor Youth Groups

**6th-8th grade (Middle School)** at 6:00-7:00 p.m.      **9th-12th grade (High School)** at 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Youth will meet on **Wednesdays: February 5, 12, 19, and 26**



We will be continuing our study of creation and being creative. We will also show our love by making Valentines for our homebound members and beginning our time of exploring what it means to love ourselves through self-care.

**We are working on plans for our “Winter” Retreat** and waiting on confirmation. Our **tentative** plan is **March 7-9** at Lake Michigan Camp in Pentwater. Watch for more details!


**Looking ahead: Mission Trip!** We are still working on details, but it's looking like we will be headed to the Chicago area during one of the last two weeks of July. Pencil it in!

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, let me know!

PEACE AND LOVE, JIMMY

**Contact Info:** Facebook = Jimmy Epplert

**College Scholarships for United Methodist Students:** Applications are now open for scholarships from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. Every year, UMHEF awards \$2+ million to students planning to attend one of the 100+ UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries across the country. **Apply by April 1 at <https://umhef.org/scholarships/apply/>**

 **Missions Corner** Missions Team meets every other month, and we're looking for passionate people to join us! Thank you for helping us serve others in Jesus' name. Our **next meeting is Mon., Feb. 3 at 6:00 p.m.** If you have questions or ideas, please contact the office or Jill McMahon.



**Supper House:** We serve on **Tues., Feb. 4 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.

**Thank you** for giving generously in January that transforms our community and the world!

- **Human Relations Sunday** offering is **\$290.**
- **January Noisy Offering** to support our Supper House Fund is **\$401.69.**



**Our special Christmas offering** is **\$3,740** to support **UMCOR's** response to natural disasters. Thank you for your generous support of this important mission. Our gifts are making a difference as people are receiving support after hurricanes and wildfires.

**Our February Noisy Offering** will support **MAP Food Pantry** as we participate in **Souper Bowl of Caring.**



**February MAP Food Pantry items:** **Ketchup and Mustard and Paper Towels**

**MAP Clothes Closet:** There is an **urgent need for winter wear and bed sheets** 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.



**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>.



**Hand2Hand** helps kids with a weekend pack of food. We're collecting **canned pasta (pop top cans please!)** 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.



Many of our members are involved with the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce that puts on **Dancing with the Local Stars**. This year, two of our members, Brian Mosley and Brad Dean, are dancing. This event raises money for local food pantries like MAP. Learn more at: <https://womensdivision.org/dancing-with-the-local-stars>

Brian & Brad's team is holding a **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser** at LHUMC **on Sat., Feb. 8 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.** Please support their team by coming out and enjoying a great dinner and silent auction!



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

**Our next week to serve is Feb. 23- March 1** – providing food items and delivering meals to the Day Center. Please sign up where you can help at: [Family Promise Sign-up](#) or contact Jill McMahon or Ruth Pyman.





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



**It's almost Valentine's Day**, and we're getting together on **Thurs., Feb. 13 at 11:00 a.m.** for a work bee. We'll be filling goodie bags with homemade cookies, valentines, and candy for our homebound members and friends. **Volunteers are needed to bake cookies and deliver!** Please sign up on the Welcome Center. **Bags will be ready for delivery by 12:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful way to show our love! You will be uplifted by our friends' beautiful smiles.

**Lunch Bunch** meets on **Tues., Feb., 11 at 12:00 p.m.** at **Driftwood Café**. Everyone is invited! It's a great way to see friends and meet new people!

 **Our Care Team** meets on **Wed., Feb. 26 at 11:00 a.m.** We're always happy to welcome new members, so please join us!

 **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.

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

**An updated Photo Directory** was E-mailed out on January 28. Please take a look and make sure that your contact information is accurate. If there's a change, please contact the office at 231-798-2181. **It's never too late** to submit or update your photo! Email it to [Office@LakeHarborUMC.org](mailto:Office@LakeHarborUMC.org).



Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and concern during my Dad's 2-year long illness, his hospitalizations, his hospice stay and his passing on Dec. 9. It was a long journey, but he is now at peace. Thank you, Pastor Mary, for visiting my dad at Harbor Hospice and praying with my family.

*Thank you, Mary Travis*

To my Lake Harbor Family: Thank you all very much for the thoughtful Christmas gift. I truly relish this opportunity to be part of the music ministry at Lake Harbor. God Bless You All.

*Diane Thompson, Choir & Hand Bell Director*

Thank you for your generous donation to the Jail Ministry during the Christmas Season!

*Chaplain Danny Peeples, Reach the Forgotten*



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

**Lake Harbor UMC Weather Policy:** If there's an activity scheduled in the evening, and the weather looks bad, call the church office (231-798-2181). A decision will be made by 3:00 p.m. if events are cancelled.

**ONLY Tuesday Bible Study** will automatically be cancelled if Mona Shores Schools are closed.

**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
- 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!

**Stay connected: United Methodist Church:** [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) **Michigan Area UMC:** [www.michiganumc.org](http://www.michiganumc.org)  
**Western Waters District:** [www.westernwaters.michiganumc.org](http://www.westernwaters.michiganumc.org) **Lake Harbor UMC:** [www.lakeharborumc.org](http://www.lakeharborumc.org)

**From our FINANCE Team:** We're so thankful to report that we've been to support ministry and mission for another year! **At the end of December and the end of 2024**, our total income for General Fund was \$414,417. Our total General Fund expenses were \$388,428. All bills and Ministry Shares were paid in full.

**Our 2025 budget is \$411,030**, which is an increase from 2024 – about 4%. We're confident that we can support this budget because of God's faithfulness and generosity through our giving – and because of your Faith Commitments. It's never too late to write yours down and send it in! This is one way that we are accountable to God and to our congregation together. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Hilleary, Finance Chairperson, or Pastor Mary. Again, thank you for your generosity in so many ways.

**2024 Financial Giving Statements** were mailed out on Jan. 14, 2025. If you have any questions, contact Gail Barefoot **ASAP** at [FinSec@LakeHarborUMC.org](mailto:FinSec@LakeHarborUMC.org) or call the office (231-798-2181) on Monday morning.



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](http://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:** We give thanks for funds given from the Hanna Family Trust. Bill and Lee Hanna set up an annual gift directed to our Preservation Fund, which helps us to complete needed projects. That gift is disbursed at the beginning of the year – and is a wonderful surprise and blessing! **Gifts to our Preservation Fund are always appreciated** – whether planned or given anytime!

We're starting the year off with a **big project – replacing eight windows on the south side of the building.** We appreciate the support of our Finance Committee and Administrative Council to do this needed work. If you'd like to know more or make a gift to support this work, please contact the office for our Trustees' contact information.

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



**La Leche League**, the breastfeeding group for parents, will meet at Lake Harbor UMC Nursery area on **Tues., Feb., 18 at 11:00 a.m.** Questions? Contact Mary Swisher.



**Come swap puzzles** you've done with new-to-you puzzles! Stop in and see what neat puzzles people have already donated and swapped. **You can come swap any day that the church is open through Sat., Feb. 8.** There are puzzles of all sizes to choose from in the work room across the hall from the Lounge. Questions? Contact Kate Robbins.

We're grateful to offer meeting space to **Girl Scouts, Pioneer Resources, LARC, and other groups too!** This is a wonderful to engage with our neighbors and support our community.



## LAKE HARBOR UMC FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2025 NARRATIVE BUDGET

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ! Finance Committee's purpose is two-fold.

1. We seek to **ensure that all of the church's short-term financial obligations are met** including paying our pastor's salary and benefits, keeping lights on and heating the building, covering the cost of church and parsonage maintenance, funding staff positions and ministry areas, and meeting our connectional obligations such as Ministry Shares.
2. We are charged with **securing the long-term financial stability of the church**. You'll see elements of both of these responsibilities in this narrative budget. Information described here is available as a line item budget to anyone seeking additional details.

Our 2025 budget reflects a 4% increase from 2024. Our financial picture is stable, and we celebrate God's faithfulness and generosity. We've seen an increase in pledges for 2025, and we feel confident that we've prepared a realistic budget while knowing that it's a faith budget until gifts are given. We rely on you - our members and regular attenders - to faithfully contribute financially and to be engaged in mission and ministry that these funds support.

2024 offered the blessing of a gift from a fund set up by an anonymous donor through the Community Foundation of Muskegon County. We received \$52,030, which made it possible for us to further mission and ministry. We have a policy to ensure that this annual distribution is not used for operational expenses, but allows us to support new ministries and enhance our work together. In 2024, funds supported an update to our website, new equipment for Praise Team, Lent books for our young families, new appliances for our kitchen, bean bags for our Education events, our monthly commitment to Supper House, a food truck during Vacation Bible School, and a petting zoo for our outdoor ministry.

We are thankful for consistent financial giving that supports our general budget needs, and we're aware of giving that goes beyond this budget like noisy offerings, special appeals, and "soft giving" that can never be counted.

We celebrate that we met all of our financial obligations in 2024, including paying 100% of Ministry Shares to both the Michigan Conference and our Western Waters District. We supported many mission projects – both local and global - including Mission for Area People (MAP) Food Pantry and Medical Fund, UMCOR, CROP Walk, Muskegon Rescue Mission, Family Promise of the Lakeshore, Kids Belong First Place, Hope Project, and Reach the Forgotten jail ministry. We're excited to be a part of God's work in Muskegon and around the world!

**INCOME:** Though we create a budget based on pledges and some projection, it is always a "faith" budget. The 2025 general fund budget is based on anticipated income from pledges, other regular giving, and additional income.

**EXPENSES** are expected to be **\$411,030** with requests collected from all ministry areas. Dollar figures are totals within that budget category. Figures in parentheses represent percentage of the total budget projected for 2025.

**Ministerial Support: \$106,799 (26%)** This includes our pastor's salary, retirement, and health insurance, as well as mileage and professional expense reimbursement. Pastor Mary's health insurance is covered largely under her spouse's policy. This number also includes a discretionary fund that the pastor uses to help our church family and community members when there are special needs.

**Staff Salary and Support: \$157,615 (38.3%)** This is the total for salary and wages for our Youth Director, Financial Secretary, Administrative Assistant, Treasurer, Organist, Celebration Music Director, Choir Director, Choir Accompanist, Bell Choir Director, Nursery staff, Children’s Christian Education Director, Congregational Care Coordinator, and a stipend for our Worship Coordinators. Our custodial needs are contracted, and this expense is also included.

**Administration and Communications: \$18,550 (4.5%)** The copy machine, office equipment maintenance costs, office supplies, postage, website maintenance, as well as financial ministry costs (giving envelopes and online giving fees) are included in this amount.

**Church Building and Maintenance: \$65,200 (15.9%)** In this category are projected costs for heat, electricity, water, snowplowing and lawn care. Costs for maintaining and repairing equipment, maintenance supplies, parsonage maintenance and insurance costs are included here as well. There is a line for special projects that need to be completed in order to keep our physical space safe and welcoming and a line for the cost of small repairs and maintenance, as well as a line to support Memorial Garden upkeep.

**Music and Worship: \$5,971 (1.5%)** Offering meaningful worship services carries some cost, including basics like supplying music, maintaining instruments, purchasing licenses to play music and media and project lyrics, and buying images, media, and Communion supplies. We also pay a fee to livestream worship. Our Worship Connections Team has other costs to offer meaningful worship services, including software to create images, take-away items, and a portion of the cost of a planning retreat, which has been a great addition to our ministry and mission to make disciples.

**Christian Education, Youth Ministries, and Outreach: \$18,600 (4.5%)** We are deeply grateful for paid staff and many faithful servants who teach and mentor all ages in our church, and we are excited to be able to support them with curriculum and teaching aids. This includes ministry for infants through adults, Vacation Bible School, Bibles for kids and youth, devotional materials, luncheons for our 80+ members and friends, and hospitality costs. Having resources to support nurture and outreach is an incredible blessing.

**Missions: \$2,500 (0.6%)** Much of our “second mile” giving comes through noisy offerings and special appeals, but these funds are available to meet needs in our community and beyond, including special requests for needy families from community partners.

**Ministry Shares: \$35,795 (8.7%)** John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, provides the rationale for Ministry Shares: *“Do all the good you can, by all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”* Connectional giving that supports Muskegon Methodist Ministries, our Western Waters District, Michigan Conference, and larger UMC is a vital part of our life together because we can do much more together than we can apart. Ministry Shares are calculated based on a percentage of a church’s expenses. We strive to pay a portion of these each month so we meet the obligation before year’s end.

Thank you for your generosity and faithful giving ***to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.***

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Mary Ivanov or Brad Hilleary, Finance Committee Chairperson.

## Sunday Servants

THANK YOU for making our worship services meaningful, memorable, and accessible.

Your time and skills are appreciated!

**Our Celebration Worship team is looking for more people to serve in our sound and video ministry. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Pastor Mary.**

### Serving Feb. 2 at 9:00 a.m.

*Worship Leader:* Jim Post

*Ushers:* Dave Stamy, Adam & Ruth Pyman

*Computer:* Fred Yonkers *Camera:* Pat Yonkers

*Sound:* Ruth Pyman *FB Host:* Jill McMahon

*Counters:* Bev Layman, Kathy Lockett

### Serving Feb 2 at 11:00 a.m.:

*Worship Leader:* Chris Beaudoin

*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 Feb. 9 at 9:00 a.m.:

*Worship Leader:* Jim Post

*Ushers:* Jim Post, Karen Post, Peggy Tully

*Computer:* Karen Booth *Camera:* Jean Kelly

*Sound:* David Booth *FB Host:* Ivan Ivanov

*Counters:* Ed Baranowski, Mike Layman

### Serving Feb. 9 at 11:00 a.m.:

*Worship Leader:* Dirk Fuller

*Greeters:* John Thompson & John Colella

*Computer:* Jim Grace *Camera:* Julie Fuller

*Sound:* Karen Grace *FB Host:* Niki Epplert

*Tear down:* Nicole & Dan Malseed

### Serving Feb. 16 at 9:00 a.m.:

*Worship Leader:* Ken Lockett

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

*Computer:* Lisa Kasmauski *Camera:* Jean Kelly

*Sound:* Gary Cooper *FB Host:* Jen Cooper

*Counters:* Madonna Borgerding, Allen Winslow

### Serving Feb. 16 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 Feb. 23 at 9:00 a.m.:

*Worship Leader:* Dave Lorenz

*Ushers:* Mark Rousell, Bob Keim

*Computer:* Luka Ivanov *Camera:* Derek Mertz

*Sound:* Rob Mertz *FB Host:* Ivan Ivanov

*Counters:* Bev Layman, Mudgi Cavender

### Serving Feb. 23 at 11:00 a.m.:

*Worship Leader:* Rose Emmons

*Greeters:* Jan Pascavis & Ruth McPhail Ubaldo

*Computer:* TBD *Camera:* Jason Colella

*Sound:* Pete Thompson *FB Host:* Michelle Frazier

*Tear Down:* Rose Emmons & G.L. Bates

***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.***

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**2025**

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**DANCING WITH THE LOCAL STARS**  
TEAM #1 (BRIAN MOSLEY, BRAD DEAN AND FRIENDS)

# Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

**Saturday,  
Feb. 8  
5-8p.m.**



**Silent Auction**  
Funds raised support local food pantries.

AT LAKE HARBOR UMC  
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