REFLECTIONS FROM PASTOR MARY IVANOV

Thank you for the many expressions of love and care during Pastor Appreciation Month. Your kind words, thoughtful cards, and expressions of support and care are a true blessing.

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I hope we take the time to savor it and practice it. Thanksgiving can be overlooked after the rush of Halloween after costumes are put away and candy is gone, before the rush of Christmas shopping and preparations. But November includes **All Saints Day, Veterans Day,** and **Thanksgiving,** which provide opportunities to give thanks for people who have made a difference in our lives and for God's blessings.

There's also **Election Day,** and I pray that we **exercise our privilege and responsibility to vote.** Our Wesleyan Methodist DNA includes active involvement in social and political matters since the 18th century including the abolition of slavery, protecting workers from dangerous conditions, ending debtors prison, new systems of care for poor children, women's suffrage, civil rights, health care, and creation care. We take our faith with us wherever we go, including the voting booth. May God guide grant us wisdom.

See you on Sunday, *Pastor Mary*

Pine Rest Church Assistance Program (CAP) is available to congregation free of charge. You can find many resources online. To access the Personal Advantage Portal, the username is **LHUMC.** Our upcoming FREE **Wellness Workshop is Tues., Nov. 10** at 5:30-7:30 p.m. Discover how neurological differences—including but not limited to-autism, ADHD, and dyslexia—influence how people perceive and interact with the world.

Welcome to our **new members** who joined our congregation in October! It was a joy to celebrate with **Rob & Dawn Sizemore.** If you're interested in learning more about membership, please contact the office.

November 2026 Worship News by Karen Booth

"The Change Makers"

A Changemaker is a risk-taker, someone who puts their faith into action to make a positive difference in the lives of others. Jesus was a Changemaker. The Good News is…so are we! Made in the image of God, sharing in the purposes of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, we are the "assets" we've been looking for. Our wealth lies in the Compassion, Collaboration, Creativity, and Empowerment that sustains us through change, for change, for the sake of a better world. Join us as we hatch new ideas and fly to new heights, risking something big for something good.

Remember to **set your clocks back on Sun., Nov. 1** when DST ends!

Nov. 1, 2026: "Compassion" *Scripture:* Mark 6: 30-44; Luke 10: 25-37

Synopsis: Changemaking starts with compassion. Jesus tells his disciples, "Take a look." As people of faith who want to make a difference, we must start with compassion: with connection, with seeing and "suffering with." The source of this deep compassion, and the source of strength to be a part of the change, is God's love.

We'll remember loved ones who have passed away since November 1, 2025.

Nov. 8, 2026: "Collaboration" *Scripture:* Mark 6: 30-44; Luke 10: 1-11

Synopsis: Jesus didn't do this work alone, and you can't either. The key thing Jesus did when starting ministry was to gather a group of people, a team of disciples. He didn't do it alone, but in collaboration. Partnerships and joining others are essential parts of changemaking. Like the African proverb: "If you want to go fast, do it alone. If you want to go far, do it together."

Charge Conference is at 2:30 p.m. at Community UMC in North Muskegon.

Nov 15, 2026: "Creativity" *Scripture:* Mark 6: 30-44; Luke 7: 36-50

Synopsis: We have the capacity to be creative because God is creative. Look at creation, at diversity. We are made in God's image. We have everything we need to make change; we have enough. We just need to stretch our imaginations, break out of constrained thinking.

GRIEFSHARE will offer a special **"Surviving the Holidays"** session on **Mon., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m**.

Nov 22, 2026: "Empowerment" *Scripture:* Mark 6:30-44; Mark 10: 46-52

Synopsis: Like Jesus, changemakers use power differently. Jesus was a leader, but he led in a different way – he shared and gave away power rather than amassing it. Changemaking is about a deeper restoring, healing, uplifting, liberating, and unburdening of others.

Hanging of the Greens is **Sun., Nov. 22 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. There are jobs for everyone. Hope to see you then! Pizza will be served after our work is done!

"Carols for the Coming Christ"

Like notes on a music staff, we are called to join together to sing songs that proclaim the renewed creation of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year throughout the Advent and Christmas season, we will encounter familiar and new Carols for the Coming Christ and pause to consider their messages in fresh ways. As a popular quote attributed to Hans Christian Anderson says, "Where words fail, music speaks." Song poets have long helped us "speak" when our own words fail in the face of our human struggle. The promise of the Coming Christ is that our hearts can hold the world and that the songs in our hearts can heal our weariness. This series is inspired by a new Advent **devotional book by Adam Tice. Copies will be available for $10 each.**

Nov. 29, 2026: "Carols for Coming Hope" *Scripture:* Isaiah 11: 6-9; Isaiah 11: 1-5
Synopsis: We begin our journey through this Advent season by acknowledging that, like the Hebrew poet Isaiah, we continue to hope for a better world for all people. It is likely that most Advent seasons include the beloved carol, "O Come, O Come, Immanuel." Based on an ancient Latin text, the names for Christ in each verse, when viewed in reverse order, spell out "Ero Cras," Latin for "tomorrow I come." We still wait for that tomorrow – we "dream of a turning from ages of wrong."

9:00 am Sunday Servants - Volunteers needed: We could use more help with the Early Service running the camera and hosting FaceBook live. Training is available. Please contact Pastor Mary or Karen Booth (231-557-1069 or kwbooth@comcast.net) if you would like to find out more.

Please **"Check In"** on Facebook whether you worship in-person or on the livestream. This invites others to get connected if they're looking for a place to worship. Our **YouTube channel** (Lake Harbor UMC) has worship service recordings. Subscribe and share them!

Fellowship Time is offered after both worship services on **Sundays when people sign up to host,** so we're looking for people to serve coffee (provided) and refreshments. **Sign up** at the Welcome Center for Early and Celebration service.

All-Church Worship Brainstorming "Carols for the Coming Christ"

Thurs., Nov. 5, 2026 at Erbes' house (4741 Spring Ridge, Norton Shores)

Members of all ages and backgrounds are invited to participate in the one-time commitment. The ideas generated at the brainstorming are used in worship. We will have a **potluck at 5:30 p.m.** Brainstorming is from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

More information is available at church and on our website. Please pick up the brainstorming packet at church or find it online, read the Scripture readings and Pastor Mary's message synopses, and preview videos when they become available. Please RSVP to Karen Booth at kwbooth@comcast.net or 231-557-1069 or by signing up at church.

Directions to the Erbes' from church: Take Henry St north to Eugene Ave (0.2 mi). Turn right (east) onto Eugene Ave. Take Eugene Ave to Spring Ridge Ln (0.3 mi). Turn right onto Spring Ridge Ln. Park in the driveway or next door (4725) at Eckerman's house.

The Worship Connections Team has sketched out plans for 2027, based on the UMC's vision: Love boldly and sincerely. Serve joyfully and humbly. Lead courageously and faithfully, and would love to have everyone **participate in ONE of the worship planning events this coming year.**

Carols for the Coming Christ: Like notes on a music staff, we are called to join together to sing songs that proclaim the renewed creation of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This series runs from Nov. 29–January 3. *Brainstorming:* Thurs., Nov. 5 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm at Erbes' house.

Compassionate Caregiving: This series focuses on modeling Christ's empathetic service, supporting those who carry heavy burdens and leaning on God's divine strength when caregiving causes exhaustion. This 5-week series runs from January 10–February 7. *Brainstorming:* Week of December 7.

The Way: Lent is a time of reflection, and there's nothing like a pilgrimage to conjure that up. The popular and poignant movie, "The Way," about a father's pilgrimage in honor of his late son on the famed Camino de Santiago in France and Spain, accompanies us as our modern-day inspiration to live the life we've been given to the fullest. This 7-week Lenten series runs from Feb. 14–March 28. *Brainstorming:* Week of January 17.

What Does It Mean to Be a Christian? To be a Christian is to love God wholeheartedly, rejoice in the grace of Christ, pray continually, love others sacrificially, and to witness boldly to the transforming power of the gospel. This 6-week series runs from April 4–May 9. *Brainstorming:* Week of March 15.

Acts of the Holy Spirit: The book of Acts bursts with the passion of early Christians' embracing God's work and spreading Jesus' message worldwide. It also lays bare the challenges churches face, demonstrating that 'normal church' has never been plain sailing. This 7-week series runs from May 16–June 27. *Brainstorming:* Week of April 19 or 26.

A Summer of Serving: What does it mean to serve? And where should we be serving as Christ followers? This 4-week series runs from July 4-25. *Brainstorming:* Week of June 15

Control: As much as we would like to, we can't control other people or circumstances. How do we address the tension between our need for certainty and the biblical call to surrender? This 5-week series runs from August 1-29. *Brainstorming:* Week of June 15.

Lessons in Leadership: As we transition from summer to fall, we are called back together to work out how we will live in community as a witness to our faith. This is not a how-to with specifics for each communal situation, but an attitude check, a value inventory to ask who we will be together as we build up the church. This 4-week series runs from Sept. 5-26. *Brainstorming:* Week of Aug. 9.

Honoring Our Vows: When we become professing member of a United Methodist congregation, one of the vows is to faithfully participate in the life and ministries of our local congregation through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. How can we go beyond the words we profess to actually living into these vows? This 4-week series runs from Oct. 3-24. *Brainstorming:* Week of Sept. 6.

Thank You: As we recognize and experience God's steadfast love and goodness through time, we respond with thankfulness. In good times and challenging ones, an attitude of gratitude helps counter our despair, discouragement, entitlement, and loneliness. This 3-week series runs from Nov. 7-21. *Brainstorming:* Week of Sept. 6.

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. Pastor Ruth McPhail Ubaldo coordinates the **Celebration Team;** they will **meet on Thurs., Nov. 12 at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend. Thanks to everyone who prepares our sanctuary for worship!

"God gave us music that we might pray without words."
Share your gift in the music ministry of Lake Harbor UMC.

Our Hand Bell Choir is always looking for new ringers! Consider joining us this fall and Advent & Christmas season. We rehearse on **Sundays at 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Music Room.

The music of the Advent season, whether singing or playing an instrument, presents another opportunity for learning, understanding and telling of the story of the birth of Jesus. Come, join your voice with the choir, and share the story. **Rehearsals are Wed., Nov. 4 and Nov. 18 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary. We also rehearse on Sunday mornings when we sing from 8:15-8:45 a.m. We look forward to seeing new faces!

CHIME TIME: A Sunday "Chime Time" was held on Oct. 25 between services. Ringers learned technique, note value, chording, and teamwork. Ages ranged from 5 to 11 years old.
Our next "Chime Time" is **Sun., Nov. 29** from **10:15-10:45 a.m.** in the Music Room. All youth are welcome. We'll be preparing a song for our 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

For more information on Choir or **Hand Bells,** contact Diane Thompson.

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

"Lord, Hear our Prayers…"

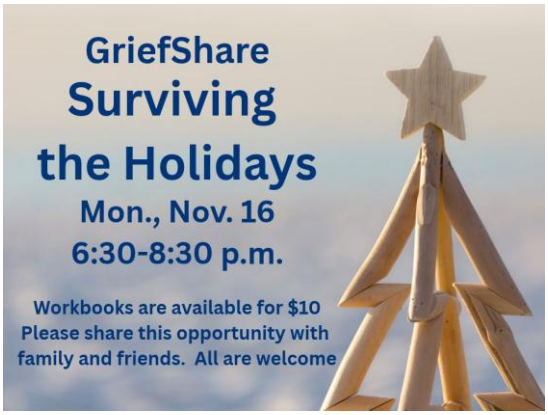
Our Prayer Chain is one way to be more intentional about praying for others. Contact the office at Office@LakeHarborUMC.org if you want to be included on the E-mail Prayer Chain.
Weekly Prayer Requests are posted on the tower by the sign-in tables.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Here's a challenge for November: Make a gratitude post every day for the month as your witness to others. Gratitude is a powerful tool that is contagious!

GriefShare

Our current session meets on **Mondays at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. If you or someone you know would be helped by this ministry, please share with them. More information is at www.griefshare.org. **Our last**



meeting for this session is Mon., Nov. 9. A new session will begin in January 2027.
For additional resources on grief, visit www.sytsemcompass.com.
They have compiled a listing of local grief support resources.

INTENTIONAL FAITH DEVELOPMENT

November/December *Upper Room* devotionals (both small and large print) are available at church. **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* devotional at 1-877-600-7218.**

Tuesday morning Bible study meets at **10:00-11:30 a.m.** in the Lounge – and on Zoom. New members are always welcome! We're studying the **Book of Acts.** There is **no regular meeting on Nov. 17.**

Men's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. We are using a book by Faith Womack entitled ***No More Boring Bible Study***. We will **not meet on Nov. 25.**

Spirit Sisters Bible Study will continue our study on the book of Matthew through November. We meet on **Wednesdays at 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the Lounge. Please join us for fellowship, prayer and studying God's word as we grow in our Christian walk together! Hope to see you there! We will **not meet Nov. 25.**

Social Justice Issue: We choose **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 **November,** our focus is **Addiction.** Addiction affects many people, and support is available through our CAP with Pine Rest.

Our Social Justice small group will meet soon for an opportunity to share, reflect, hear each other's stories, and help each other do the work of seeking justice where we are.

Courageous Congregations Collaborate (C3) Team update: We're grateful for growing connections with other churches in our community to serve our neighbors. **Mark your calendars for Sat., Dec. 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for our **drive-thru nativity!**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday School update: We're in our classrooms - Pre K- 8th grade are downstairs; High School youth meet in the Youth Room upstairs. We're learning a lot and having fun. Friends are always welcome! **No Sunday School on Nov. 29** (Thanksgiving weekend), but we will have **Chime Time**!

Movie Night on **Fri., Nov. 13 at 6:00 p.m.** Bring a friend, and join us for a fun evening viewing **Ratatouille.** Come find out what happens when a charming rat named Remy dreams of being a famous French chef. Feel free to wear pajamas. Refreshments will be provided, and this is a free event.

Rolling Stones of Advent: An Advent event - Sat., Dec. 5 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. All ages are welcome as we roll into Advent! We'll spend time together on a project to take home, finding out more about each other, and creating a special soup! Please sign up on the Welcome Center at the back of the sanctuary so that we can have enough supplies on hand. Contact Kate Robbins or Sandy Colella with any questions.

Trunk or Treat was a great day with great weather – and a lot of people in our parking lot! Thanks to all who participated. Check out the photos on the back page!

Join us for our upcoming Wellness Workshop on **Tues., Nov. 10.** - dinner at 5:30 p.m. and content from 6:00-7:00 p.m. It's free through our CAP and an important time of learning! Please register on our Facebook event, sign up on the Welcome Center, or call the office (231-798-2181) so we can plan on you!

Lake Harbor Youth Groups

We meet on **Wednesdays: November 4, 11 and 18 (No meeting on Nov. 25** - Happy Thanksgiving!)
6th-8th grade meets at **6:00-7:00 p.m**. **9th-12th grade** meets at **7:00-8:00 p.m.**
On **Nov. 18, we'll meet together from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** for a feast to wrap up our "Kids' Table" series.

We encourage all youth and their families to attend the **Wellness Workshop** facilitated by Pine Rest on **Tues., Nov. 10**. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m., and the workshop starts at 6:00 p.m. The topic is **Embracing Neurodiversity**. Please share this with anyone you know who could benefit from this information.

Mission Trip 2027 informational meeting on **Sun., Nov. 15 at 12:30 p.m.** Save the date and join us!

It's time for pie! Our youth group's world famous holiday pies are coming soon! We'll be offering a limited number of Cherry, Pumpkin, Classic Apple, and Apple Crumb. **Pies are $15 each** and will be made with Love! The **last day to order is Sun., Nov. 15** unless we hit our limited numbers before then, so don't wait!

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 20-21 is Pie Weekend! Students and families: clear your schedules, and be ready to help! This is an important team building time and fundraiser.

Cookie Walk is Sat., Dec. 12! Calling all BAKERS: we need you and your recipes! Please talk to Jimmy and see what cookies are needed!

PEACE AND LOVE JIMMY! Jimmy Epplett, Director of Youth Ministries

Contact Info: Cell # (231) 750-9707, peaceandlovejimmy@gmail.com, Facebook = Jimmy Epplett

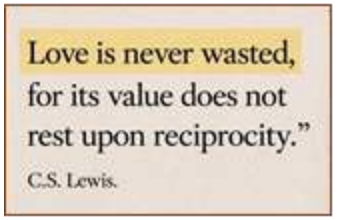
Our young adult group is open to young adults who are between 18-25 years old. We meet on Thursday from 7:00-9:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted. This group is facilitated by Niki & Jimmy Epplett. Contact Niki.

Tues., Nov. 10 @ 5:30-7:00 p.m.: Wellness Workshop on Embracing Neurodiversirty (dinner provided)
Thurs., Nov. 12 @ 7:00 p.m.: Fancy Cookie Decorating with Kelsey ($20 cost for supplies and cookies and skills to take home)
Thurs., Nov. 19 @ 7:00 p.m.: Regular Meeting
Fri. & Sat., Nov. 20 - 21: Pie Baking with youth group

Volunteer Opportunities: Learn how to run the computer and/or camera during Sunday worship services. If you're interested, please let us know, and we'll help get you connected for training.

Donation Opportunities: We're collecting **new or gently used sweaters and sweatshirts** for neighbors in need. What a great reason to clean out your closets! Please bring them to any of our meetings.

Missions Corner: Thank you for helping us serve others in Jesus' name. Our **next meeting is Mon., Nov. 9 at 6:00 p.m.** If you have questions or ideas, please contact the office or Pastor Ruth McPhail Ubaldo (404-308-6202 or Deacon@LakeHarborUMC.org).



Lake Harbor's CROP Walk 2026 Walkers raised over $1,000! Thanks to our walkers: Dan & Wendy Johnson, Deb Smith, Sheryl Thompson, Pastor Mark and Annette Erbes and Pastor Mary & Ivan Ivanov.

Supper House: We serve on **Tues., Nov. 3 at 3:00-5:00 p.m.** with a team of 6 people. **If you want to serve,** contact our Bev Layman, so we can plan on you.

Thank you for giving generously in many ways that transforms our community and the world!

- **October Noisy Offering** to support **Helping Hands Ministry** in Baldwin is $652.00.
- **World Communion Sunday offering** is $260.00.
- **Canned yams** for Muskegon Rescue Mission

Our November Noisy Offering supports **Michigan United Methodist Campus Ministry.** The UMC has a long-standing commitment to serve students on college and university campuses. "Wesley" is the statewide name of UM campus ministries that encourage Christian community, discipleship, mission, and creative witness among students and young adults.

SPECIAL OFFERING for **United Methodist Student Day** on **Sun., Nov. 29:** 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.

MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER

Your supplies (rice meal kits) were shipped on our 35th international shipment of the year! This container went to Honduras through our partner Food For The Poor (FFTP). FFTP serves 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Because of your donations, people around the world have the supplies they need to live a hope-filled, healthy life.

Thank you to all our donors and mission volunteers who purchased and assembled these essential kits that show God's love in a practical way. Every kit assembled at Midwest Mission is made by a volunteer. Without your dedication, we would not be able to continue to help others.

November MAP Food Pantry items:
Tomato soup, pork and beans, diced tomatoes

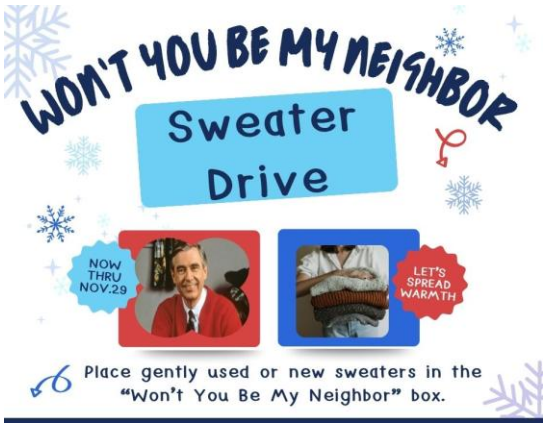
Thanksgiving Dinner items:

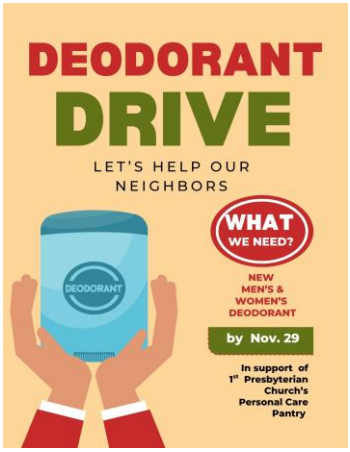
- Jell-o
- Aluminum Turkey pans
- Cranberry Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned /Powdered Gravy
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Marshmallows

Please bring items to church by Sun., Nov. 15 or to MAP by Thurs.. Nov. 19.

MAP Clothes Closet: We serve on **Tues., Dec. 1 and Thurs., Dec. 3 at 12:15 p.m.** If you're willing to help, call the office at 231-798-2181. There is always need for **men's clothes, housewares, and plastic shopping bags**. If you bring in items and the MAP Box is full, please find a cart and bring items to the room across from the Lounge.

Hand2Hand: We're collecting **canned pasta (with pop tops)** 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.





Kids' Food Basket currently serves over **3,000 students in Muskegon daily** at 10 sites in Muskegon. 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 always need **sandwich and snack size Ziplock bags** and **decorated bags – and volunteers!** Please visit our volunteer website at http://kfb.volunteerhub.com. To learn more, visit www.kidsfoodbasket.org

Kids Belong supports Foster, Adoptive, and Kinship families during this holiday season. We're sponsoring **30 stockings** that will bless kids and youth. We'll have all the information you need including age and ideas soon! **Please return your filled stockings by Mon., Dec. 6.**

Though it may seem earlier to start thinking about Christmas gifts, **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 Dec. 1.**

Membership, Nurture & Outreach (M.N.O.) News: We meet next on **Wed., Dec. 2 at 10:00 a.m.** to make our Christmas Goodie bags for our homebound members and friends.

We always welcome new members to this fun-loving group! Contact Sheryl Thompson or Renée Hoadley.

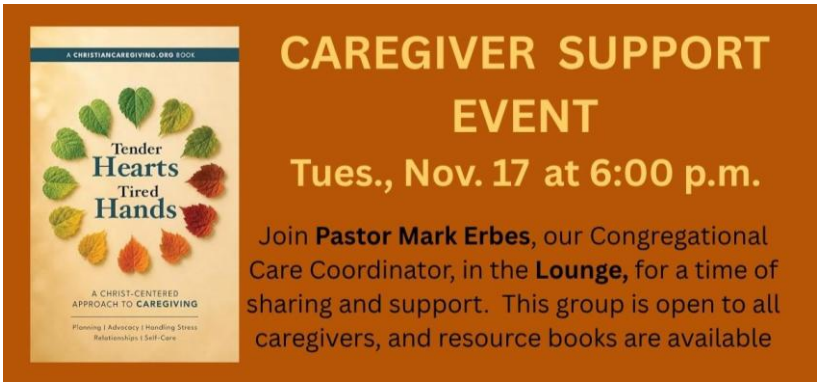
55 DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS! In December, our **MNO group** packs **Christmas goodie bags for our homebound members and friends.** We ask for donation of cookies, candy, fruit, and small items (small hand creams, Kleenex packs, etc.). We'll be packing approximately **40** goodie bags on **Wed., Dec. 2 at 11:00 a.m.,** so pencil it in your calendar and watch 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! Watch for a sign up on the Welcome Center or call Sheryl Thompson if you'd like to help. Thanks!

Lunch Bunch meets on **Tues., Nov. 10 at 12:00 p.m.** at **Russ' back dining room** on Henry St. Everyone is invited! It's a great way to see friends and meet new people!

Our Autumn Luncheon for our 80+ friends was a success! We had 20 guests. ☺

9 Ross Park Readers are serving in classrooms! **If you're interested in serving in this important hands-on mission and community connection,** please see Pastor Mary.

Young Adult Care Cards:
We're thinking of our young adults working out in the world and our college students as Finals week quickly approaches in early December. We will be showing them some LHUMC love by sending a $10.00 gift card. **Make sure we have your 18-25 year old on our list!**



CARDS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Please update addresses for your loved ones in the military with the office. We want to include them when we send out cards in this month.

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 departure date and return date for our mailings.

Members on the move… Please update the office if you're moving or changing contact information.

An updated Photo Directory was E-mailed in late 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.

Thank you so much for the use of your parking lot for a Fall Mum Sale again this year. We so appreciate the use of your facility. Our sale was a big success. The money raised helps us to complete many projects. Thanks again, we will see you next fall.
BETA SIGMA PHI INTL SORORITY, PRECEPTOR ALPHA DELTA CHAPTER (Betty Kinney & Marilyn Forton's Sorority)

It was a beautiful day outside. And the cheerfulness continued inside. Once again, the MNO committee greeted the 80+ group with smiles, good food, and sunny autumn decorations. With heartfelt appreciation, thank you. *Bob and Judi Keim*

Mindy and I want to thank the MNO team for another lovely 80+ luncheon. This is a very special tradition and always much appreciated! *Jan Justus*

A Thank you card from the *Staff at Ross Park Elementary* is the tower by the Prayer Requests.

From our Trustees: Just like your maintenance and repair on your own home, church buildings also require upkeep. We are always working to keep our building in good repair. **Gifts to our Preservation Fund, which we use for building needs, are always appreciated.** Thank you for your consistent giving, which makes it possible for us to care for our physical space and use it as a tool for our ministry.

We also want to **thank the Memorial Garden Team** for their care for that special part of our church. The waterfall is off for the winter, but the space continues to be a blessing to many families in our church and community. It is accessible all the time and offers comfort and peace to many people. Take a look at the newest addition to the Garden – a beautiful **peace pole** gifted to us by Dr. Richard and Nancy Peters. Peace Poles carry the message of peace, ***May Peace Prevail On Earth,*** in the languages of the world. They are recognized as the most prominent international symbol and monument dedicated to peace on earth. Peace Poles have been planted on every continent in over 200,000 communities. They serve as reminders to cultivate peace in thought, word, and action while symbolizing humanity's shared desire for a world at peace and in harmony with all of creation.

From our FINANCE Team:

At the end of September 2026, our total income for General Fund was $309,423 with expenses of $317,747. Thank you for your generosity and consistent giving as we grow as faithful disciples.

As we create **a budget for 2027,** 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.** Having real numbers and trusting in your support of time, talent, and treasure is a blessing.

Thanks to those who have offered a Faith Commitment for 2027. This is a great help to us as a community of faith. **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, and **we hope that you'll offer your Faith Commitment this year.** It's never too late!

ONLINEgiving 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. To set up your electronic donation, go to our website *www.lakeharborumc.org* or use the QR code to connect to online giving:

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

At this time of year, we are receiving your 2027 pledges and year end giving. Just to clarify, we deposit your contribution at the time that we receive it. We do not hold checks. Therefore, if you send in a check or money to cover your 2027 pledge before January 2027, it will be including in your 2026 giving and reflected on your 2026 giving statement. **End of year giving for 2026 should be in by Dec. 27** in order to be deposited for 2026 giving. If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Gail Barefoot at FinSec@Lakeharborumc.org or through the church office.

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.

Pastor Mary and the church staff will **NEVER** contact you for financial assistance or gift cards. These scams are so pervasive and preying on the trust of generous people. If you receive a suspicious call, text, or E-mail message, **please report it to the office, block the number or sender, and Do Not Respond*. You usually notice that the phone number and E-mail address are not from the actual person.*** Be diligent!

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

Sunday Servants for November 2026

Serving Nov. 1 at 9:00 a.m.:
Worship Leader: TBD
Ushers: Fred Yonkers, Pat Yonkers, Rod Moon, Kathy Mertz
Computer: Kevin Nelund *Camera:* Ivan Ivanov
Sound: Rob Mertz *FB Host:* Jill McMahon
Fellowship Hosts: Nancy Schottey

Serving Nov. 1 at 11:00 a.m.:
Worship Leader: Brad Hilleary
Greeters: Sheryl Thompson & GL Bates
Computer: Aiden Bosch *Camera:* Russ Loomis
Sound: Bob Bosch *FB Host:* Jill McMahon
Teardown: Jimmy & Niki Epplett
Counters: Steve Hill, Jim Cavender

Serving Nov. 8 at 9:00 a.m.:
Worship Leader: TBD

Serving Nov. 8 at 11:00 a.m.:
Worship Leader: Dirk Fuller

Ushers: Bob Keim, Jason Cantu, Taryn Cantu
Computer: Connor Tripp *Camera:* Karen Booth
Sound: David Booth *FB Host:* Ivan Ivanov
Fellowship Hosts: Jill McMahon

Greeters: Wendy & Dan Johnson, John Colella
Computer: Jim Grace *Camera:* Julie Fuller
Sound: Karen Grace *FB Host:* Niki Epplett
Tear down: Dirk & Julie Fuller

Counters: Allen Winslow, Karen Hill

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

Worship Leader: TBD
Ushers: Dave Stamy, Adam & Ruth Pyman
Computer: Karen Booth *Camera:* Jean Kelly
Sound: Ruth Pyman *FB Host:* Jenn Tripp

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

Worship Leader and Tear down: Chris Beaudoin
Greeters: Jan Pascavis & Jill McMahon
Computer: Julie Fuller *Camera:* Jay McMahon
Sound: Arianna Davros *FB Host:* Michelle Frazier

Fellowship Hosts: TBD
Counters: Ed Baranowski, Mudgi Cavender

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

Worship Leader: Annette Erbes
Ushers: Jim Post, Karen Post, Peggy Tully, Marilyn Forton
Computer: Larry Kasmauski *Camera:* Lisa Kasmauski
Sound: Gary Cooper *FB Host:* Jen Cooper

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

Worship Leader: Rose Emmons
Greeters: Cindy Soyars & Deb Smith
Computer: Amanda Parker *Camera:* Jason Colella
Sound: Pete Thompson *FB Host:* Rob & Erin Wheeler
Tear Down: Rose Emmons & G.L. Bates

Fellowship Hosts: TBD
Counters: Bev Layman, Kathy Luckett

Serving Nov. 29 at 9:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: Dave Lorenz
Ushers: Fred Yonkers, Pat Yonkers, Rod Moon, Kathy Mertz
Computer: Connor Tripp *Camera:* Ivan Ivanov
Sound: Rob Mertz *FB Host:* Jill McMahon

Serving Nov. 29 at 11:00 a.m.:

Worship Leader: TBD
Greeters: Sheryl Thompson & TBD
Computer: Jim Grace *Camera:* TBD
Sound: Karen Grace *FB Host:* Erin & Rob Wheeler
Tear Down: Jan Pascavis & Renée Hoadley

Fellowship Hosts: TBD
Counters: Ed Baranowski, Mike Layman

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

Stay connected: **United Methodist Church:** www.umc.org **Michigan Area UMC:** www.michiganumc.org
Central Shores District: www.centralshores.michiganumc.org **Lake Harbor UMC:** www.lakeharborumc.org

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

We're grateful to offer space to **many community groups** as a way to offer support to our neighbors!

Mudgi's Magnificent Caramel Corn will be available on **Sun., Nov. 1** for $2.00/bag with proceeds to support Type 1 Diabetes Research. Thanks for your support!

<u>WDCC Relay for Life Bunco Night</u> on Tues., Nov. 17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Cost is $15 per person. Reserve your spot by contacting Kathy DuVall.

Sign up at the Welcome Center. **If you want a ride or want to carpool, meet at LHUMC at 5:00 p.m.**

SCENES from TRUNK or TREAT!