



United Methodist Church of Ludington

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DECEMBER 11, 2016 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 11

- 8:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship and Sunday School
Christmas Program
- 4:30-6:30 pm Legacy Caroling

Monday, Dec. 12

- 10:00 am Flower Ministry
- 4:00 pm Grief Group

Tuesday, Dec. 13

- 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Cub Pack
- 7:00 pm Staff-Pastor-Parish Committee

Wednesday, Dec. 14

- 9:00 am Rug/Sleeping Bag Ladies
- 6:00 pm Catered Meal
- 6:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Recorder Practice
- 7:03 pm Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday, December 15

- 11:00 am Worship Committee
- 5:00 pm Finance Committee (rescheduled from
December 8)
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Praise Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16

- 10:00 am Office Volunteer Reception
- 1:00 pm Mediation

Saturday, December 17

- 1:30 pm United Methodist Women Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
 - 9:00 am Contemporary Worship
 - 10:00 am Sunday School
 - 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 - 6:00 pm Christmas Praise Concert
- Legacy Community Service - Time to be announced*

IMMEDIATE PRAYER

Tom Calabretta
*Family of Lyman Lawver,
who died Nov. 18*
*Family of Bill Nickelson, who died
Nov. 22*



Stan & Sheila McCallum
Maralee McCumber
Sean Nelson
Deb Page
Ted Radtke
Bob Rasch
E. Dean Raven
Sean (*grandson of Sutherlands*)
Elizabeth Rose
Ken Stroebel
Pat Trowbridge
Laura Wendell
Linda Wolven

MISSIONARIES

Pastor Bernard & Betty
Lumene
Brad Nelson

NURSING/ADULT CARE

Eldred Chavalua (*Karlyn Bray's dad*)
Dick Davis
Nancy Dust
Myra Easton
Ruth Foster
Phil Hunt
Billie Jabrocki
Nancy Kelley
Betty Lunde
Tom McCumber
Addie Morgan
Don Newberg
Dolores Pahoski
Irv Prescott
Margaret Roat
Dorothy Smogeleski
Bonnie Vaught
Laura Walker
Matthew Wilson, Oklahoma

Note: After three months' time we will need an update for your name to remain on our ongoing prayer list. Thank you.

IN THE MILITARY

Ssgt. Joseph Archer, Afghanistan
Sgt. Daniel J. Cook
CSSA Emily Gibson, CA
Matthew Heard, TN
Greg Heimall III, NC
Staff Sgt. Eric Luteyn, KY
Catherine McNaughton, MS
Captain Jane McNaughton, TN
PV2 Christopher Myer, KY
Matthew Raven, NM
Sgt. Joshua John Reed, HI
Tony Wagner, VA

HAITI:

**Baudin School,
Baudin Methodist Church,
Ranquette Methodist Church
and Pastor Odeles Du Rosier,
Papillon Orphanage**

ZAMBIA:

**Soweto-Kapisha UMC
Lord's Mountain Orphanage,
Bwafwano Care Project and
Minerva Phiri**

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

ONGOING

Bill Alexander
Nancy Anderson
Todd & Jennifer Courtland
Sophia Flores
People of Haiti
Carol Hunt
Art Isham
Erv Johnson
Dan Laliberte

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Alex Bachus, U of M
Samantha Betke, WMU
Katie Biggs, U of M
Alexis Bushard, GVSU
Tim Bushard, WMU
Rachel Gohn, Cornerstone
Kayla Gottwald, WSCC
Natascha Hamman, U of TX
Zachary Hamman, TX State U
Jordyn Sanders, U of M
Alyssa Scribner, Ferris,
Pharmacy Doctorate Program
Tristan Scribner, Ferris
Kennedy E. Westcott, MSU

Local visitors interested in learning about our church and its programs are encouraged to stop at the Welcome Center in the narthex to pick up a visitor bag.

Today's altar flowers were donated by Janelle Schade and Family in memory of Norman Schade.

Bellringing for Salvation Army

November 25 through December 23 our church will be working with the Salvation Army to collect donations at the west door of the Ludington Walmart. Lots of bellringers are needed! We sure need your help! Please see us before or after church to reserve your ringing hours. Thanks so much. *Steve & Cyndi Scott*

You are invited to the Children's Christmas program, *The Story of Christmas*, TODAY at the 11:00 am service! A Birthday Party for Jesus in Fellowship Hall will follow the program.

Prayer shawls are available in the narthex on the second Sunday of each month, along with yarn, material and instructions for creating them. You can give a love offering to support these ministries. Put donation envelopes in the offering plate or turn them in to the church office.

Toys for Tots: The Sunday School classes invite your help with our Christmas project. You will find a collection box in the CE hallway for new, unwrapped toys and gifts for teens. The box will be delivered December 12 to the Salvation Army's Toys for Tots distribution. *Betty Tabor 845-5972*

You won't want to miss the **UMW Christmas Tea** on Saturday, December 17 at 1:30 pm. The Joy Singers will entertain you, the UMW ladies are planning beautiful and delicious treats to eat, and there is always wonderful fellowship together. Please be sure to reserve this time on your calendar for this treat for yourself, and maybe a guest or two. Please call the church office by noon Friday, December 16 if you need a ride to this event. See you there!

Our church's turn to serve **Community Table** at Community Church is from 4:30 to 6:00 pm Tuesday, December 27. If you would like to help prepare, serve, or clean up this meal, please call Donna Possehn (690-1647) or Al Carlson (843-7071).

A sincere **thank you** to all who helped remove and reinstall the pews. Thanks especially to Ted Radke for replacing the light fixtures fifty feet off the floor of the sanctuary; and the parking lot lights in windy, chilly weather! *Max Schipper, Trustee Chair*

After the December *Footprints* was printed and mailed, we received these three new addresses for military personnel:

Emily Gibson
3305 Afton Rd
Tower, 4 Box 14
San Diego, CA 92123-2008

Jane McNaughton
1028 Ishee Dr.
Clarksville, TN 37042

Joshua Reed
408 Puna Way
Wahiawa, HI 96786



2016 Poinsettia Order Form



It's time to order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary! You may place your completed order form and check in the offering plate, or bring or mail them to the church office. Make checks out to United Methodist Church of Ludington. **ORDERS AND CHECKS MUST BE IN THE OFFICE BY END OF DAY TODAY.**

Poinsettias may be red, pink or white. They will be placed in the sanctuary on Wednesday, December 21.

___ 4" plant	\$7.00 each	=	\$ _____	Color _____
___ Single	\$16.00 each	=	\$ _____	Color _____
___ Double	\$27.50 each	=	\$ _____	Color _____
___ Triple	\$40.00 each	=	\$ _____	Color _____

Given by (your name) _____

In HONOR of _____
and/or

In MEMORY of _____

“Painting the Story of Jesus” The Story of Bert Petri

Bert Petri was the artist responsible for the paintings currently hanging in the east hallway. He was German-born; and as a 20-year-old member of the Nazi army was captured and sent to a POW camp in Belgium. He stole a bicycle, escaped, and headed for Germany.

Petri earned his Master's Degree in Art from the University of Erfurt, Germany, a few years later.

In the early 1950s, Bert's wife was taken in the middle of the night by Communist Party members, and Bert wouldn't learn of her whereabouts for over two months. She was later released but under communist suspicion. The couple drifted apart, and in 1955 Bert applied for a visa to the United States. In 1956 he left for America.

Bert worked for the Big Three car makers in Detroit in a series of jobs, and in the early 1960s formed his own advertising agency. By 1970 he settled outside Ferry, Michigan where he built his dream home, including a 1000-square-foot studio he named "Our Gallery."

In the mid-1970s he founded the Michigan Fine Arts Academy.

One day Bert asked God what he could do to thank Him. "He kept me safe all through the war, He provided for me in the years I lived under communism. I'm an artist; what could I ever do for Him?" God told Bert, "I want you to paint the story of Jesus, my son."

Of the originally planned 36 paintings, Bert completed 18 large scenes from Jesus' life prior to his death on September 29, 2009. More of Bert's art can be viewed in the Petri Gallery in Pentwater.

Story submitted by Linda Osborn