



# United Methodist Church of Ludington

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## JANUARY 28, 2018 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today, January 28

8:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal  
9:15-12:15 Nursery  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship and Sunday School  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:30-6:30 pm Legacy

### Monday, January 29

10:00 am Flower Ministry  
10:00 am AA\*

### Tuesday January 30

9:30 am Intercessory Prayer  
4:30 pm Webelos

### Wednesday, January 31

9:00 am Rug Ladies / Sleeping Bag Ladies  
10:00 am AA\*  
4:30 pm Webelos  
6:00 pm Catered Dinner  
7:05 pm Pastor's Bible Study

### Thursday, February 1

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch  
5:00 pm Cub Den  
5:00-7:00 pm HELP Soup Supper  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm Praise Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, February 2

10:00 am AA\*  
1:00 pm United Methodist Women Executive Board

### Saturday, February 3

4:30-9:30 pm Emmaus Gathering and Potluck

### Sunday, February 4 Communion, Food Pantry Day

*Guest Preacher: Rev. Ron Iris*

8:30 am Judy's Adult Bible Studies  
9:15-12:15 Nursery  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship and Sunday School  
10:30 am Coffee, cookies and fellowship  
11:00 am Traditional Worship  
4:30-6:30 pm Legacy

\*Beginning the week of January 28, a closed Alcoholics Anonymous women's group will meet in the 4th-5th grade room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

### IMMEDIATE PRAYERS

Joseph Penrod  
*Family of Mary Macklam*  
*Family of Dorothy Paboski*



### NURSING/ADULT CARE

Eldred Chavalia (*Karlyn Bray's dad*)  
Dick Davis (*at Oceana Medical Care Facility in Hart*)  
Nancy Dust  
Myra Easton  
Phil Hunt  
Nancy Kelley  
Betty Lunde (*at Sutter Center*)  
Tom McCumber  
Onabelle Pehrson (*at Sutter Center*)  
Dorothy Smogoleski  
Laura Walker  
Matthew Wilson, Oklahoma

### HAITI:

Baudin School,  
Baudin Methodist Church,  
Ranquette Methodist Church and  
Pastor Odeles Du Rosier

### ZAMBIA:

Soweto-Kapisha UMC,  
Pastor Bernard & Betty Lumene &  
Lord's Mountain Orphanage,  
Bwafwano Care Project and  
Mivena Phiri

### HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

### IN NEED OF PRAYER

Bill Alexander  
Dan Bernson  
Tammy Carpenter (*niece of Judy Penrod*)  
Svea Clayton  
Shirley Dust  
Sam Eickleberry  
Anne Estle  
Tanya Gasaway  
Erv Johnson  
Sherry Johnson  
Sally LaFrance  
Dan Laliberte  
Maralee McCumber  
Kay Neal  
Joan Nelson  
Sean Nelson  
Gail Niethe

Bob Rasch  
Janet Raspotnik  
Connie Robertson  
Stephanie Rozell  
Ken Stroebel  
Nancy Stuart  
Brian Tibbot  
Pat Trowbridge  
Bill Williams and Family  
Jason & Linda Wolven

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

*Coordinator: Sheila McCallum*  
SrA Joseph Archer, NV  
S SGT Daniel J. Cook, NC  
Kevin D. Coyne, TX  
CSSA Emily Gibson, CA  
Matthew Heard, TX  
Greg Heimall III, NC  
Melody Houk, Navy  
Staff Sgt. Jacob Hunt, TN  
Catherine McNaughton, MS  
Capt. Jane McNaughton  
SPC Christopher Myer, KY  
Paul Nickelson, MI  
Sgt. Joshua John Reed, HI

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

*Coordinator: Penny Quillan*  
Alex Bachus - U of M  
Alexis Bushard - GVSU  
Timmy Bushard - Western  
Noa Gohn - GVSU  
Rachel Gohn - Cornerstone U.  
Kayla Gottwald - GVSU  
Rachel Ives - U of M  
Skylar Korendyke - GVSU  
Kate Penrod - U of M  
Sam Penrod - Western  
Jordyn Sanders - U of M  
Alyssa Scribner - Ferris  
Tristan Scribner - Ferris  
Mallory Shinn - Hope College  
Meredith Sparks - Central  
Emma Taranko - GVSU

**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.**

**Last Sunday's spring altar flowers** were provided by John and Deborah Drees, in celebration of everyone's grandchildren!

**Lunch Bunch** (formerly XYZ Group) will meet in Fellowship Hall Thursday, February 1. After a potluck meal at noon, Don Tack will share information with us about The Servant Center, the only Christian organization in Grand Rapids that focuses on the most neglected segment of the city's homeless population: persons suffering from severe neurological disorders such as schizophrenia. Please bring a dish to pass and a friend or two. Join us for a good time together and to learn about a very interesting program. *Allan Carlson*

Even though we live in intimidating external circumstances, it does not mean we must abandon our belief in God and forego a living faith. Our series of **adult Sunday school class** material that started on December 3 and goes through February is all about different kinds and stages of growth in faith.

We will see what life experience can provide for us within the tensions of being true to ourselves and God while serving those who are in power over us as we deal with many issues within our own time frame.

Both the 8:30 and the 9:30 am classes meet in the library located behind the sanctuary and are covering the same material.

The **junior and senior high "Sunday" school classes** will be held on **Wednesday nights at 7:05 pm** in the Christian Education area, starting the 21st of February (during Lent). This is so that the youth can remain active during the 9:30 am worship services on Sunday. They will be dealing with scripture and how it relates with their lives today.

We need to order enough material for the number of youth that will be attending. Please call the church and let Judy know if you can attend. She will be ordering materials the first of February. We will use only UMC material so there is no need for parents to be concerned about what we will teach or discuss. It will be a class our youth will not want to miss.

*From Karen Genson, United Methodist Women President:*

A big **thank you** to all the ladies who donated Christmas cookies and time and effort to do the West Shore Bank Open House again this year! The bank staff were appreciative, and UMW receives a \$500 donation for doing that open house for them. Thank you also to those who made the UMW Christmas Tea such a festive, enjoyable event for those attending. Thank you to Lynne Gohn and the Joy Singers for their beautiful program, to Janelle Schade for decorating, and to all those who made delicious food!

*From our Pastor-Parish Relations Committee:*

There is a **Nursery Supervisor position** available here at our church. This is a paid position. Requirements: You must be 18 years or older, submit to a background check, and participate in boundary training provided by this church. If interested, contact SK Osborn at 360-620-9687. The position is open until filled. You need not be a United Methodist church member to apply.

**Please save the following items for Legacy Youth Group:**

- Little Caesar's proof of purchase
- Mancino's proof of purchase
- Containers from butter, cottage cheese, sour cream, deli meat, etc.

Please drop them off in the church office and label them "Legacy." Thank you!

**Loralee McClellan** thanks everyone for their prayers, cards, and good wishes during Ken's recent heart surgery.

Thank you to everyone who donated blood or volunteered at our January 19 **American Red Cross Blood Drive**. We brought in 42 units of blood! This is outstanding! Our next blood drive will be March 16.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry 2017

(began in 2005 with the help from ladies at Scottville UMC)

Our prayer shawl ministry continues to be very active, thanks to all the lovely ladies who continue to make the shawls! Thank you! We have many beautiful shawls awaiting to brighten someone's day in their time of need. We also have yarn and instructions available to knit the shawls. Shawls and yarn are always available, but only on display the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

The following people received a shawl this past year: Linda Myer, Mary Gwen Barrington, Lori Taylor, Rogene Kieszkowski, Gail Niethe, Ruth Stroezelec, Mary Workman, Mr. Tyndall, Jyl Miller, Gloria Taylor, Adeline Lange, Aleatha Cox, and Sue Stinson. Laura Ruhle has taken several to her Hospice patients.

I am sure these people have been blessed by the warmth of God's love and felt His healing and peaceful presence in their shawl. We continue to receive thank you notes for shawls, with words of how much the shawl has meant.

Thank you also to all who have taken the time to take a prayer shawl to someone they know is in need and suffering in some way, and thank you also to those who continue to give a love offering to help with the purchase of yarn . This ministry is also supported through our Evangelism Committee.

Thank you again to all those who continue to knit these lovely shawls....Linda Myer, Cathy Kelly, Janice Young, Monica Stewart, Sharon Alexander, Gail Niethe, Pam Greb, Cheryl Lundberg, Mary Lou Mitteer, Samantha Johnson, Shirley Mitchell, Karen Disegna, and Jane Clark.

If you have any questions concerning the Prayer Shawl Ministry, you may contact Ramona Myers @ 425-4408 or Lynne Gohn @ 843-4746.

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**You are invited!** Christian art from the young church is on display in the Christian Ed hallway through the end of February. These twelve pieces were created on Sunday, January 14. Our lesson that morning was about the baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John. We used white paper and placed pieces of colored tissue paper on top. Then each student sprayed their art with water and left it to dry. You will notice that some paper is rippled like waves on the water. Each piece is unique and very special like our students, preschool through sixth grade. *Betty Tabor*

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## Matching Gift - Capital Campaign

It is with **Great Joy** that I announce that we have successfully matched the \$150,000 gift from an anonymous donor.

As of January 16, we have received cash and pledges totaling \$114,402. Your Administrative Board authorized that the balance, \$35,598, be moved from our General Fund to make up the difference so that we could receive the full \$150,000 gift.

At year-end our General Fund Balance was \$88,935. After reviewing our budget for 2018, (and following the transfer of \$35,598), we project our YE General Fund Balance to be \$40,000. We feel that balance, along with our Contingency Fund of \$50,000, provides adequate reserves for our Church.

Thanks to everyone who supported this Matching Gift Campaign as well as the very successful Capital Campaign. And special thanks to the donor for the Matching Gift, Dennis Genson, Judy Downing and M. A. Ferguson for all of their work on both campaigns. Also, thanks to everyone for their prayers.

*Dan Sleeman, Administrative Board Chair*

**Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Following the 6:00 catered meal there will be an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. This year Lynne Gohn and Joan Kaatz have developed a special Lenten Devotional Booklet for you and your family to use during Lent: the daily devotions have been supplied by persons in our congregation. These will be available on the Literature Table in the east hallway by February 11.

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*From Karen Genson, United Methodist Women President*

All ladies of the church! Be sure to reserve a place on your calendar for the United Methodist Women general meeting which will be a Soup and Bread Luncheon (probably some dessert, too). It will be held on Monday, February 5, beginning at 12:30 pm. If you need childcare, please call the church office (with number of children and ages) by Thursday, February 1st so that can be arranged. Also, if you need a ride, please call the church office so one can be arranged for you. Treat yourself to a warm, special time of yummy food and warm fellowship! We would love to see lots of ladies!

The new UMW Reading Program books are in and ready to be checked out of the library cart for you to read. The following are the books that we have purchased:

The Book of Joy by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Feathered by Deborah Kerbel

Tattered and Mended: The Art of Healing the Wounded Soul by Cynthia Ruchti

Adventure of Ascent: Field Notes From a Lifelong Journey by Luci Shaw

Hospitable Planet: Faith, Action and Climate Change by Stephen A Jurovics

Born on Third Base: A One Percenter Makes the Case for Tackling Inequality, Bringing Wealth Home, and Committing to the Common Good by Chuck Collins

America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis

Good Health, Good Life by Joyce Meyer

Detained and Deported: Stories of Immigrant Families Under Fire by Margaret Regan

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

Interfaith Leadership: A Primer by Eboo Patel

50 Women Every Christian Should Know by Michelle DeRusha

Massacre at Sand Creek by Gary L. Roberts

A House in the Sky: A Memoir of a Kidnapping That Changed Everything by Amanda Lindhout & Sara Corbett