



United Methodist Church of Ludington

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DECEMBER 16, 2018 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, December 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal
 8:15 am Adult Bible Studies
 9:15 -12:15 Nursery
 9:30-11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
 9:30 am Contemporary Worship & Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship
 4:00 pm Legacy

Monday, December 17

10:00 am Women's Closed AA
 10:00 am Flower Ministry
 5:30 pm Cub Den
 6:00 pm Becky's Recital

Tuesday, December 18

9:30 am Intercessory Prayer
 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 pm Cub Dens
 6:30 pm Administrative Board

Wednesday, December 19

9:00 am Rug Ladies
 10:00 am Women's Closed AA
 11:00 am Worship Committee
 6:00 pm Catered Meal
 7:04 pm Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday, December 20

7:30 am Men's Emmaus 4th Day
 1:00 pm Women's Emmaus 4th Day
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm Praise Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 21

10:00 am Women's Closed AA

Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal
 8:15 am Adult Bible Studies
 9:15 -12:15 Nursery
 9:30-11:00 am Coffee and Fellowship
 9:30 am Contemporary Worship & Sunday School
 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, December 24 Christmas Eve (Office Closed)

10:00 am Women's Closed AA
 7:00 pm Worship with Communion, Candlelight, & Handbell Choir; Staffed Nursery Provided
 11:00 pm Worship with Communion, Candlelight, & Chancel Choir

Tuesday, December 25 Merry Christmas! (Office Closed)

1:00 pm Potluck Dinner, Location TBA

IMMEDIATE PRAYER

John Fletcher

Families of Arlen Blank, Erma Rodgers, Anita & Laval Freeland, Katie Fulton

NURSING/ADULT CARE

Eldred Chavalia (*Karlyn Bray's dad*)
 Shirley Dust
 Myra Easton
 Caryl Ferguson
 Barb Gutschke
 Mona Halladay
 Phil Hunt
 Nancy Kelley
 Betty Lunde (*at Sutter Center*)
 Tom McCumber
 Onabelle Pehrson (*at Sutter Center*)
 Marian Riffle
 Nell Scott
 Dorothy Smogeleski
 Laura Walker
 Ellie Westcott
 Matthew Wilson, Oklahoma

MARC: Alaska Ministries,
 Collier & Allyson Hard

HAITI:

Baudin School,
 Baudin Methodist Church,
 Ranquitte Methodist Church and
 Pastor Odeles Du Rosier, Tom
 Braak & Faith in Action

ZAMBIA:

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

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Bill Alexander
 Elaine Beach
 Jean Bouda
 Pat Bromley
 Luella Burke
 Mike Burtch
 Allan Carlson
 Ron Cloutier
 Tom Cloutier
 Anne Estle
 Caryl Ferguson
 Todd Fugere
 Immigrant families separated



Art Isham
 Erv Johnson
 Bob Jones
 Bonnie Letsinger

Stan McCallum
 Maralee McCumber
 Sean Nelson
 Gail Niethé
 Jenna and Kevin Pomorski
 Zack Shafer
 Peggy Smith-Gasparas
 Nancy Stuart
 Clive & Judy Sutherland
 Dale Swanson
 Tom and Donna Thomas
 Pat Trowbridge
 Jim Vorac
 Linda Wolven
 Barb Woodworth

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, TX
 S SGT Daniel J. Cook, NC
 Kevin D. Coyne, Africa
 CS2nd Class Emily Gibson, VA
 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

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Coordinator: Penny Quillan
 Please send names and schools of college students! We have these so far:
 Briona Carrier - WSCC
 Zachary Genter - Mich Tech
 Noa Gohn - GVSU
 Rachel Gohn - Cornerstone U
 Kayla Gottwald - GVSU
 Rachel Ives - U of M
 Anika Korendyke - GVSU
 Skylar Korendyke - GVSU
 Jordyn Sanders - U of M
 Tristan Scribner - Ferris
 Mallory Shinn - Hope College
 Meredith Sparks - CMU
 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.

Alan & Julie Wernette provided **today's altar flowers** in memory of loving parents.

Bell Ringing for Salvation Army: Our church is working with the Salvation Army to collect donations at the west door of the Ludington Walmart through December 22. We sure need your help! We are signing people up today in the narthex. Please see us before or after both services to reserve your ringing hours. Come be a ding-a-ling for Jesus! Thanks!

Steve & Cyndi Scott

The **boxes of giving envelopes for 2019** are in the narthex, ready for pickup. If you had envelopes for this year, there is a 2019 box for you to pick up at your earliest convenience. If you didn't have envelopes for this year and would like a box of envelopes for 2019, please contact the office or Dennis Genson. We have plenty of extra boxes.

Studying the Psalms

The Adult Sunday School Classes will be doing a scholarly study of 4 different Psalms during January and February. We will become acquainted by way of a solid commentary from one of the foremost Old Testament scholars in the world, Walter Brueggemann. He writes with a sharp eye and insight into the biblical text and makes it accessible and useful to the church family. We will learn about the Psalms by their type, their poetry and their value in human experience. These Psalms will become a blessing to each one of us. We meet in the library on Sunday morning at 8:15 am and 9:30 am. Let us continue to learn more about what our scriptures have to tell us. We welcome you and invite you to join us.

Judy Downing, Christian Education Director

The **2019 Altar Flowers Chart** is now in the narthex, ready for you to sign up for a date. Altar flowers are \$22.00, payable to United Methodist Church of Ludington. (The church orders them from Beads and Blooms, and B&B bills the church).

We need church office volunteers on Tuesdays! Please call Laurie or Judy if you'd like to sign up for a time slot. Thanks!

Did you know that our church provides Children's Worship Folders for children's use during services? They are located at the back of the sanctuary; and they contain puzzle pages, blank paper and crayons. The puzzle pages are usually related to the pastor's sermon scripture.

A thank you:

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, I want to express my most sincere appreciation for your prayers during Scott's journey. It touched my heart in so many ways that he was prayed for by name every Sunday! *Gig Rose & Family*

We also received a nice thank you note from Tom and Donna Thomas. It will be printed in the January-February *Footprints*.

The office still has the **ring found in the sanctuary after Bell Choir rehearsal October 30**. Please call the office if you know whose it is.

HOSPITALITY In the Name of Christ ~ UPDATE:

We are very thankful for the generous response to the request for help with food for our twice-monthly turns at the homeless shelter!

There is just one problem. Because Laura Garcia graciously provides the main meal at dinnertime on all six Wednesdays, we only need to cover the **six** Tuesday dinners. Amazingly, **thirteen** individuals/couples have offered to do this!! We do, however, need to provide **twelve** breakfasts ~ and only **seven** people have offered to do that.

Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 7:30. It can be as simple as oatmeal or scrambled eggs and sausage. If you would be willing to help in this capacity in the new year, please call me.

Thank you for considering this request. *Karen Disegna (843~6841)*

Got a New Year's plan for renewed health and wellness? Well, you're in luck. Starting January 15, 2019 SK Osborn will facilitate a six-part series and Bible study entitled *Made to Crave - Satisfying Your Deepest Desire with God, Not Food*.

Based on the series by Lysa Terkeurst, a bestselling Christian author and women's Bible study leader, it is a journey to help everyday women live an exceptional life of adventure, wisdom and victory in Christ.

Class is limited to 12 participants and each participant will be responsible for obtaining the book *Made to Crave* and the companion 60-day devotional. Time is 3 to 5 pm starting Tuesday, January 15 in the church library. Call SK Osborn at 231-425-3773 or 360-620-9687 for more information. (Please note: Phone number was wrong in December *Footprints*).

Pastor Dennis and Laura will host a **Potluck Dinner at 1:00 pm on Christmas Day**. Location will be determined if there is an interest. Sign up in the Church Office!

The church office will be closed December 24, 25, 31, and January 1. Laurie's vacation begins December 19 and she will be back in the office January 7, 2019. The office will be staffed December 20, 21, 26, 27, and 28; and January 2, 3 and 4. If you need assistance from the office or want something put into the bulletin during the time that Laurie is gone, please contact Judy Downing at 843-8340 or judy@ludingtonumc.org.

A WEE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM was presented on Sunday, December 9 by our dedicated parents, children and committed adults. It was a delight and reminded us all of what Christmas is all about. Thank you, children and youth, for your help in making this possible. Those that helped were Bella and Maddie Gasaway, Sarah and Blair Wood, Aiden and Kenzie Wood, Taylor and Savannah Durham, Rachel and Heidi Faust, Corbin Wagenmaker, Mia Soper, Trenton Routley, River Bonneau, Joel Fisher, Heather Kaatz, Melissa Davis, Elise Soper and Dempsey Benedict. The adults that pulled this all together are Karen Disegna, Becky Sopha, Darlene Ponko, Donna Peterson, Jane Clark, Tanya Gasaway, Joan Kaatz, Kathy Radtke, Pat Waterchilde, Laurie McKinven-Copus, the Saturday and Sunday setup and takedown crews, and Betty Tabor as director. Thank you very much. We do appreciate all you do for our church family. May you each know the spiritual blessing of this Christmas season in recognition of Jesus' birth, our Christ and our Lord and Savior.

Congregational Prayer: God of joy, when our hearts soar, remind us that you are the source of all blessings. Let our greatest joy be your presence that is with us always. Amen.

Reader: The prophet Isaiah wrote, "With joy I will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). In silence, ponder the gifts of God that bring you joy – the kind of joy that feels like fresh water bubbling up from a spring.

Candlelighter lights the candles of hope, peace and joy.

December 16, Third Sunday of Advent: Ignite within Us Joy