



# United Methodist Church of Ludington

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## DECEMBER 23, 2018 ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Today, 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

- 7:00 pm Worship with Bell Choir, Communion, Candlelight (Nursery provided)
- 11:00 pm Worship with Chancel Choir, Communion, Candlelight

### Tuesday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 26

- 10:00 am Women's Closed AA

### Thursday, December 27

- 7:30 am Men's Emmaus 4th Day
  - 1:00 pm Women's Emmaus 4th Day
- Choirs will not rehearse December 27.*

### Friday, December 28

- 10:00 am Women's Closed AA

### Sunday, December 30 First Sunday after Christmas Day:

A Service of Lessons and Carols

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The church office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and New Year's Day. The office will be staffed from 9 am to 4 pm December 26, 27, 28 and January 2, 3, 4. Laurie will be on vacation those two weeks but Judy will be here, so if you need something for the bulletin you should call the office at 843-8340 or email Judy at judy@ludingtonumc.org.

### IMMEDIATE PRAYER

Nell Scott

*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,  
Ranquette 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  
 John Fletcher  
 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  
 Sandy Sgro  
 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.**

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!

**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.

Thank you to Cindy Genter and Ramona Myers, who have volunteered to help in the church office on Tuesdays. We have a temporary opening for Monday afternoons (through mid-March). Please contact Judy if you'd like to volunteer. The office is a fun place to work -- ask any of the current or former office volunteers!

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*

### **HOSPITALITY In the Name of Christ ~ UPDATE:**

We are thankful to have two new volunteers for breakfast at the shelter! If this is something with which you might be able to help, please call me with any questions. *Gratefully, Karen Disegna (843~6841)*

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).

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*).

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, 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 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. *This bulletin item was written by Betty Tabor. Sandy Sgro adds her thanks to Betty and to all the adults and children who participated in the Christmas program.*

**Confirmation Retreat:** Pastor Dennis and I want to try again. The dates are Friday, January 25 through Sunday, January 27. Please let us hear from you and/or your youth as soon as possible. Thank you. *Judy*

