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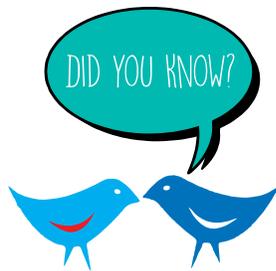
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Special Pandemic Working-From-Home Edition!

(Notwithstanding two dogs that bark at everything and a refrigerator that keeps calling my name)



Every Sunday you can go to our website or Facebook page and experience virtual worship! Pastor Dennis posts PowerPoints of that Sunday's Scriptures and his sermon notes, and you can see two videos: One of special music and one of Pastor Dennis delivering his sermon from his home. We have been treated to solos by Barry Neal, Gary Iteen and Heidi Faust, and a duet by John Reed and Bruce Rillema. It's usually all posted by 8:30 or 9:00 pm Saturday night on our website (www.ludingtonumc.org) or our Facebook page (United Methodist Church of Ludington). If you miss seeing it on Sunday or you want to watch it again, it stays on the Facebook page and website for a long time. Worship with us from the comfort and safety of your home!

Activities at Our Church Building for



Nothing!



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God only knows!

(Seriously, although the church building is closed temporarily, the Church is still alive and well! See inside for various announcements, the Pastor's Page, the Birthday List, and the Prayer List.)



We would like to thank the many individuals who continue to make calls, text, email and send cards to our members and friends during this time when we can no longer meet face to face. It gives us a chance to check on everyone's health and spiritual wellbeing. Groceries have been purchased, face masks have been sewn and distributed, and new friends have been made. I know that those making the contacts are getting as much out of it as those who are contacted.

There are too many names to mention and we don't want to leave anyone out, but you know who you are and you know that it has meant a lot to those you have helped.

Please continue to do what you do and if you have gotten a call or a card, please reach to someone that you feel needs a call too. Thank you so much. *The Evangelism Committee*

I would like to thank everyone who has been supportive of me and my family during the time of the loss of our Mom and Dad. Mom died in February and Dad died in April. They would have celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary in April. Their spent their entire life farming together and now they are together again. Thank you for your prayers.

Donna Possehn

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Everything is on hold until the church is open to us all. No meetings, etc. planned at this time.

Missing everyone's smiling face. But I want to keep them smiling. It's not worth a single person's health.

God blessings are prayed for each one of you each day.

Judy

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Have you ever wanted to advocate for a justice issue but didn't know how to do it? Our Northern Waters District Peace with Justice Team and the Michigan Conference Board of Justice have partnered with the Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL), which will provide a **free Zoom training**, *Become an Effective Advocate for Peace and Justice*, on Wednesday, May 27 from 6 to 8 pm. To register, go to http://act.fcnl.org/event/advocacy-teams_attend/1587. Once you register you will be emailed the Zoom link.



Congratulations to our Ludington High School graduates! Those marked with an asterisk are Alpha Grads, signifying that they had a 3.75 grade point average.

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| Meagan Ely | Dustin Lucht |
| *Rachel Faust | Darwin Mitchell |
| Chandler Gordon | Kearyn O'Heren |
| *Jack Heimerdinger | *Mackenzie Reed |
| *Heather Kaatz | *Will Shinn |
| Abby Kinney | *Grace Taranko |
| Karina Korendyke | |

Congratulations to our college graduates:
 Rachel Gohn - Cornerstone University
 Jordyn Sanders - University of Michigan
 Tristan Scribner - Ferris State University.

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Progress Report on the Building Fund

As of the end of April we have \$31,453.07 in the Building Fund and we owe \$48,461.62 on our mortgage yet. I anticipated coming before the congregation the first part of May and letting you know we were going to be about \$9,000 short of paying off the mortgage. The *Lighting the Way* Capital Campaign is scheduled to run out at the end of May. With everyone "Staying Home", giving to the church and the Building Fund has been down, so we are about \$17,000 short of paying off our mortgage.

Dennis Genson, Co-Chair,
Lighting the Way Capital Campaign

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Thank you so much for your continued support of the church. We have several ways to make an offering or donation at this time.

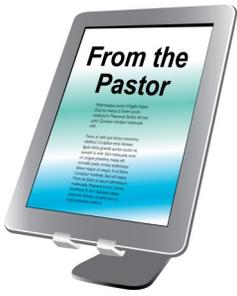
WAYS TO GIVE:

Online giving: <https://www.ludingtonumc.org/>
 (Click the green "GIVING" button near the center of the home page)

Mobile giving: Download the mobile app "Give+ Mobile" from the App Store or Google Play

Checks can be mailed to

United Methodist Church of Ludington
 5810 Bryant Rd
 Ludington, MI 49431.



Dear Friends,

I have just logged off a meeting with five other United Methodist pastors who are currently serving in this area. We had a good meeting, learning to know each other a little bit and talking about how this pandemic has impacted our ministries. We all long to get back to public worship, to see the people we love and serve, and to engage personally with friends and family. However, things have changed, and to get to a place that we can safely gather together may take longer than we know. All of us are posting our worship service on line, something none of us has ever done before. There is good news in this: our messages of Jesus Christ are traveling distances and reaching people we have not been able to reach in other ways. One pastor mentioned that some of the folks that had left his church were now listening and commenting on his messages, something he never thought would happen again!

In all of this, through the struggles of economic challenges and changes in social gathering, the Holy Spirit of God is actively at work. I was personally asked by someone when I was going to open the church for worship as they desired to come and worship with us! Make no mistake, God is greater than anything that might try to separate us from God's presence and God's love. One of my favorite passages of Scripture comes from Romans 8:38-39 - "I'm convinced that **nothing can separate** us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created" (Romans 8:38-39, CEB). Thanks be to God!

To answer the question of when we are going to gather publicly, I choose to follow the lead of our Bishop, who in turn is following the advice of the scientists and medical professionals as well as the Governor's orders. I know that this is not what some of you want to hear. We are an impatient people who want what we want when we want it. That being said, it is nothing new under the sun. Moses (no, I am not comparing myself to Moses) had those who were dissatisfied with his leadership. They were tired of the situation

they found themselves in after leaving Egypt. They were tired of the "same old food and drink" (oh how I would love to go out to eat with the family), forgetting they had the blessings of food and drink. It is easy to want to go back to the safety of what once was, but we must realize that what once was is no longer safe. Our congregation is graying. We have many with health conditions that would put them in jeopardy should they be exposed to the virus. It is for the safety of the majority of the congregation that we must not rush into public gatherings too soon or without proper precautions.

I urge you all to be patient and kind to each other. Stay in touch with each other. Help one another as you can, and I assure you we will be trying to do the same. We would like to thank those of you who have been sending emails, cards, and making phone calls to let us know you are thinking of us. We pray for you all daily, and hope all are well. This virus may be with us for a long time, but until we find a way to live with it, let us not be so willing to sacrifice the safety of others so we can return to "normal". I have often wondered how the Hebrews might have been treated had some had their way and returned to the normal they knew in Egypt. How many would have been sacrificed to placate Pharaoh and the others for the losses they felt were the fault of the Hebrews and their God?

As I close this message, I would repeat something I shared in my message on May 3. I believe in God, and I believe in the promises God has made. I do not see rushing into public gatherings as a demonstration of that faith. I choose not to put God to the test as this storm engulfs us. Rather I choose to get into the raft, not waiting for the canoe, boat or helicopter. My faith tells me that God is with us, and we need to be "wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matt. 10:16, NRSV). God bless you all as we journey together in these trying times.

Pastor Dennis



Ongoing Prayer Concerns



ONGOING PRAYER LIST

Bill Alexander
 Brenda Begnoche
 Merrilu Bennett
 Carol Brezinski
 Bill Bromley
 Glen Bromley
 Allan Carlson
 Deborah Chrystal
 Anne Estle
 John & Kathy Fletcher
 Cindy Genter
 Gregg Heimall
 Erving Johnson
 Trisha Johnston
 Bob Jones
 Mike Masunas
 Elaine, Jim and Adam Minichiro
 Ed & Maralee McCumber
 Sean Nelson
 Judy Penrod
 Donna Peterson
 Bob & Lois Rasch
 Donald Roberts
 Diane Rose
 Leanne Ruhle and husband John
 Ed Sanborn
 Sandy & Tammy Sgro
 Janice Soper
 Dale Swanson
 Betty Tabor
 Stub Willick
 Linda Wolven

OUR MILITARY PEOPLE

SSgt Joseph Archer, TX
 SSgt Daniel J. Cook, NC
 Kevin D. Coyne, deployed
 CS 2nd Class Emily Gibson, VA
 Matthew Heard, deployed
 Ensign Gregory Heimall III, VA
 Melody Houk, CA
 SSgt Jacob Hunt, VA
 Catherine McNaughton Rizzo, AK
 SPC Christopher Myer, KY
 Paul Nickelson, MI

NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING

Eldred Chavalia
 Myra Easton
 Sharon Fusari, Virginia
 Dave Hullinger
 Phil Hunt
 Sherry Johnson
 Nancy Kelley
 Tom McCumber
 Dick & Donna Nelson
 Ruthie Peterson
 Bob Rasch
 Marian Riffle
 Roland Vandenheuvel
 Ellie Westcott
 Matthew Wilson (*Greg's son - Oklahoma*)

HAITI:

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

**MARC: Alaska Ministries, Collier
 & Allyson Hard**

HENDERSON SETTLEMENT AND OUR MISSIONARIES THIS MONTH

ZAMBIA:

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

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MEMORY

We remember the following people of our church and community, and we give our condolences to their family members and friends:

Iva Kay Bailey
 Julie Bromley
 Jim Carey
 Caryl Ferguson
 Kay Fetters
 Kari Morack
 Don & Marie Possehn
 Ted Schwass
 Belva Stocking
 David Walton

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are located in the pews, the narthex and the Volunteer's Desk. Requests are prayed over on Tuesday mornings and are kept confidential. They are prayed over for 30 days unless updated for a longer period of time. All prayer requests are kept in the office. If you have an urgent prayer request, you may call Lynne Gohn (843-4746).



There are a few May-June Upper Rooms left. If you want one, please call Lynne Gohn at 843-4746.

By popular request, here are the May and June birthdays!



- 1 Avery Benedict
- 2 Kayla Gottwald
- 3 Debbie MacDonald, Marcia Olmstead
- 5 Gregg Heimall, Mary Beth Nelson
- 6 Lynne Gohn, Savannah Sigafoose
- 9 Gerald Cole
- 10 Nancy Isham, Ellamae McDonald
- 11 Norma Koeppe, Jane Mengot
- 12 Kelsey Anes, Kaitlin Carlson, Darlene Ponko
- 13 William Feyers
- 15 Jane Clark, David Nelson
- 16 Janice Wolff
- 17 Loraine Wagner
- 19 Mike Cooper
- 20 Sheryl Reed
- 21 Evan Cooper, Ryan Higley
- 22 Jim Martin
- 25 Michael Houk, Sheila McCallum
- 26 Joan Kaatz, Anika Korendyke, Renee Saba
- 27 Ron Cloutier, Sara Jones, Tristan Scribner
- 28 Allison Anes, Shawn Kowatch
- 29 Wally Brown
- 31 Robert Anderson



- 1 Sawyer Frederick
- 2 Lucille Hyma, Bruce Knapp
- 4 Bonnie Wood
- 5 Asher Cole
- 7 Nate Carrier, James Weinert
- 8 Connie Anderson
- 9 Dick Lundberg, Eldonna Tabor
- 10 Margie Kruse
- 11 Marcie Anderson
- 13 Melody Houk, Kenzie Wood
- 14 Judy Shoemaker
- 15 Glenn Johnson
- 16 Diane Sonefeld
- 20 Steve Begnoche, Paul Garland, Yvonne Wilson, Jason Wolven
- 21 Karen Genson
- 22 Melissa Davis, Josh Johnson
- 25 Stub Willick, Noah York
- 26 Heather Kaatz, Kennedy Neushwander
- 27 Janice Soper
- 29 Julie Carpenter
- 30 Stan McCallum, Kirk Myers, Nathan Palmer, JoAnn Smith

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

SUNDAY MORNING

Adult Bible Studies 8:15 am

Contemporary Worship and Sunday School 9:30 am

Traditional Worship 11:00 am

Nursery 9:15 am - 12:15 pm

The *Footprints* deadline is the third Monday of each month.