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This week's Immediate Prayer List

Debbie Alexander (*Sharon and Bill's daughter, hospitalized with COVID*)
Donny Worthey and Michelle McKinven-Copus (*Clint and Laurie's daughter and her fiance - he is at home with COVID*)

A complete prayer list is available at the Welcome Center.

Today's liturgist is Monica Stewart.
Communion Servers are SK Osborn, Dennis and Karen Genson,
Pam and Ken Greb.

We are the people of the United Methodist Church of Ludington.

We believe in the God who created and continues to create.
We want to root ourselves in Jesus.
We rely on the Holy Spirit.
We seek to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.

We believe our church is part of this community. Ludington has our heart.
We open our doors and ourselves to everyone --
When we say "Come as you are" we mean it.

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Youth Directors: **Cindy Cooper and George Faust**
Music Director: **Rebecca Sopha**
Handbell Choir Director: **Carleen Shinn**
Choir Accompanist: **Rogene Lathouwers**
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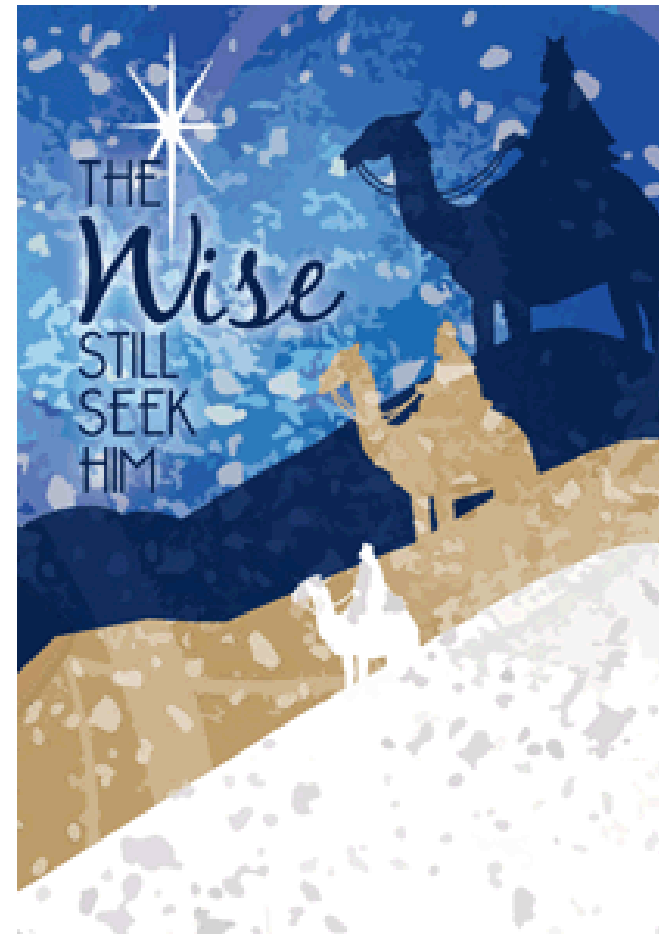
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Our Mission: Reveal the Grace of God by welcoming and serving all in Christ!



January 9, 2022



Gathering Music **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**
arr., Lani Smith

If you have a prayer concern that you would like the pastor to lift up during the prayer time today, please fill out a yellow prayer card from the pew and place it in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.

Welcome and Announcements

- The Missions Team chose two worthy charities for the Christmas offering this year: Salvation Army and Anchor of Hope Haiti. Thanks to the faithfulness and generosity of this congregation, we are able to report that \$4309.47 will be sent out in this new year to continue God’s good work through them: \$2309.47 to Salvation Army and \$2000.00 to Anchor of Hope.
- The Evangelism Team will meet at 2:30 pm tomorrow. We will be working on plans for outreach opportunities to the school and nursing homes in the area.

Opening Prayer

Opening Song **“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”**
Hymnal #247

Call to Worship

Liturgist: God’s light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

People: Arise! Shine!

Liturgist: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

People: Arise! Shine!

Liturgist: God’s light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

People: Arise! Shine!

Liturgist: Nations shall come to God’s light and kings to the brightness of God’s dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Choir Anthem **“Come to the Water”** John Foley, S.J.
Chancel Choir

Children’s Moment

Song **“This Is Where Children Belong”** James Ritchie

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer
(As Pastor ends Pastoral Prayer, congregation joins pastor in the Lord’s Prayer, Hymnal #895).

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon “Advent in Plain Sight: Stars” Pastor Hillary

Communion Pastor Hillary and Pastor Ron Iris presiding together
(Please turn to page 15 in the hymnal. Pastor Ron will perform the three songs below as solos).

Prayer of Humble Access **“Come to the Table of Grace”**

The Invitation **“In Remembrance of Me”**

Prayer of Consecration **“Here Is Bread, Here Is Wine”**

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Hymn **“We Three Kings”** Hymnal #254

Benediction

Music as we depart **“Spirit Song”** John Wimber

More Announcements

Ludington Mass Transit (“Dial-a-Ride”) has resumed Sunday service. If you would like a ride to church on Sunday, call Ludington Mass Transit on Saturday to arrange it. Remember that the church will pay for your ride to and from the church at any time during the week.



With the gracious help of nine ladies and one gentleman from our congregation who shopped and wrapped (and many from other congregations as well), 107 children and youth whose parents were incarcerated enjoyed a more special Christmas, and 40 families received food baskets through the Oceana/Mason County Inmate & Family Ministries. A **♥** f e l t **thank you** goes out to each person who went out of their way to brighten someone's holiday or donated funds to provide welcome food.

At this time our Ministry of Presence and other community volunteers are not allowed in the jail because of COVID, but we are hoping that “this too shall pass” before very long. *Karen Disegna*

This week at church

Today	Worship with Communion 10 am Legacy 5:00 pm
Mon., Jan. 10	Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room Evangelism Team 2:30 pm
Tues., Jan. 11	Intercessory Prayer 10 am, Library Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 pm
Wed., Jan. 12	Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room Books & Beyond 1:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7 pm
Thurs., Jan. 13	Men's Emmaus 4th Day 7:30 am
Fri., Jan. 14	Women's AA 10 am, 4th-5th Grade Room
Sat., Jan. 15	Emmaus Gathering & Potluck 3:00-7:30 pm