April birthdays & anniversaries

• April 3    Judy Wagner
• April 3    Dale Baumgras
• April 6    Madelyn Angst
• April 15   C.J. Kjolhede
• April 19   Rick Hart
• April 19   Joan Peck
• April 26   Sean Divine
• April 29   Hanna Angst
• April 29   Julia Angst

Women’s creative circle

If you haven’t joined us one of the past few months for our Women's Fellowship Night at the church, you’ve been missing out on a great time. We will be gathering again Friday night, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. Plan to bring some stamping, scrapbooking, sewing, painting, or any other kind of creative project you can think of that you can carry to the church. If you aren't into anything at the moment, just bring yourself and join us for a night of fun and fellowship, and as always, a few snacks.

The Bible says in Hebrews 10:25, “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another…” (NIV).

Chicken Dinner April 4

Our next Chicken Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, from 5-7 p.m.

Now is a great time to get involved in our monthly church fundraiser. The Chicken Dinner can always use your help. Sign up now to help out in the dining room, washing dishes during the dinner or helping with clean up after the meal.

A love for Laingsburg, and for their church

Carl and Coralie George were both born and raised on the farm. Carl was raised on a 120-acre farm on Garrison Road, and Coralie was raised on a 140-acre farm on Harrison Road in East Lansing, which is now Spartan Village. After they were married, Carl and Coralie moved to Laingsburg to the 157-acre farm on Doyle Road where they still reside some fifty years later. They have five children, Karen, Carla, Kim, Kevin & Chris, and six grandchildren.

While they were growing up, Carl attended church in Owosso and Coralie attended Seymour Avenue Methodist Church in Lansing. They joined the Laingsburg United Methodist Church after they moved to Laingsburg and have been active members in our church for nearly fifty years. Carl previously was our head usher for about twenty years and he was also a trustee during the same time. He works at the chicken dinner on clean-up shift. Coralie served our church as our “chicken baker” for the chicken dinners for twenty years.

Coralie also was our Sunday School teacher for eleven years, the chairperson of the worship committee for eleven years, and was director of the Good News Singers Junior Choir for eight years. Coralie has been a team member of our group to visit shut-ins for many years and a Bible School helper for eight years. She is now our church librarian, a member of our church choir and is also the chairperson of our clean-up committee for funeral dinners. She is also an active member of the United Methodist Women, a Clothesline volunteer, a care group member, a member of the Quilting Bees and also serves our church through her “clown ministry”.

When Carl retired from farming, he drove concrete trucks for Cheney & Consumers Concrete Company. Coralie last worked for our church for the Laingsburg Child Development Center. Carl is an avid deer hunter and stays active by being the resident “ handyman” for his family. He still has farming in his blood and enjoys helping his neighbor with his farming whenever he can. Coralie enjoys writing poetry, loves to garden and has been singing with The Laingsburg Community Singers for over thirty years.

Their faith has become stronger as they have seen “miracles” happen in their lives, with their children and also in their church family. They like the historical aspect of our church and also the small, closeness of our church family as they feel that they have become closer to the people of LUMC.

-- MARY ANGST
Church mission projects underway

**Pocket Change to Enact Change, and Nothing But Nets**

Are your pockets weighed down with too much change? Do you have a pile of coins on your dresser that multiplies without end? Would you like to donate your spare change to a worthy mission project?

The month of May is Mission Month for the United Methodist Church. The LUMC Missions Work Area has merged two United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) projects into one: Pocket Change to Enact Change and Nothing But Nets.

In 2005, the youth of the First UMC of Birmingham, Michigan began a penny project with a goal of collecting 23,000,000 pennies—each penny representing a person in Sub-Sahara Africa with HIV/AIDS. Pocket Change to Enact Change grew from their efforts.

Nothing But Nets is a mission project to raise money for anti-malaria bed nets to halt the spread of malaria among children and their families in Africa. Nets cost $10 each.

Each Sunday during May, LUMC children will be taking a special offering during worship for this mission project. We will keep the congregation posted to our progress and the number of nets we are able to provide.


**Busy time for missions work at Laingsburg UMC**

Spring is a busy time for the Missions Work Area at LUMC. In addition to the One Great Hour of Sharing collected on March 22, one of six special UMC offerings taken throughout the church year, we take a special offering for Native American Awareness Sunday on April 26, when we recognize the contributions of Native Americans to society. This offering funds Native American ministries, Urban Initiative, and seminary scholarships.

Laingsburg United Methodist Church will also be participating in the Bishop’s Seat Cover project this year and will be packing school bags to send to Haiti. Both projects will be taken to conference the week of May 10. Watch the church bulletin for more information on how you may help or donate items.

**News from The Clothesline**

The Clothesline has had a busy winter and a steady first quarter. Praise the Lord! Thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers and shoppers.

In December, the store launched its official Web site: laingsburg-clothesline.org. We are also now on Facebook, which allows us to connect with people throughout the community via the Internet. Visit us online!

In late March, we switched over to spring clothes. Bring in your donations! We are ready for the warm weather.

Our biggest joy was that Tom and Lisa Jelenek paid off the land contract on the building in December and donated it back to the 501(c)3 organization. So now The Clothesline is officially owned by The Clothesline, so to speak. A very sincere thanks to Tom and Lisa, and to the board of directors who will continue to oversee store operations:

- Lisa Jelenek, President
- Randy Meder, CPA, Secretary/Treasurer
- Amy Wilson, Recording Secretary
- Carrie Rathbun Hawks, APR, Communications Director
- Pastor Elbert Dulworth, Member at Large
- Trish Young, Member at Large
- Karan Dean, Member at Large

Please pray for us as we plan for the future of the organization. And please continue to pray for the members of our community who are in need of our services.

**Mission Committee is very active**

The Mission Committee planned an extra meeting for March. They met on March 31, to access what they already have on hand to fill the School Kits that will be taken to conference.

This year the school kits will be sent to Liberia as they went to Hatti last year. The committee will put out a list after the assessment so those who would like to help in this project again can do so.
Easter events on the calendar

Welcome to the Easter season at LUMC: that holiest of all times on our church calendar.

• On Sunday, April 5 we will host a Palm Sunday Service at 10 a.m. with the Children’s Hosanna Medley and the distribution of palms by our Sunday School students.

• Easter Sunday is April 12. We will have our annual Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. presented by our LUMC youth, with breakfast following. The Children’s Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for 9 a.m. at LUMC.

Our annual Easter Sunday Service is at 10 a.m. with our children’s bell choir performing. A “Thank You God” Party will be enjoyed by the children that morning during Sunday School.

• We will also have a special service on Sunday, April 19 for “Laugh at the Devil” Sunday with our youth participating in the service. Don’t forget to bring a joke and a smile for service that day.

Thank you ushers

The LUMC wishes to send out a heart-felt thank you to all the men and women of our congregation who volunteer to be our ushers. They are a integral part of our worship service and without them, our services would not run as smoothly.

Many of our ushers have served in this capacity for many years! Your service to our congregation is greatly appreciated!

Acolyte schedule

We will be blessed with the following acolytes to serve us during April:

• April 5: Kolton Wicke & Brian Wagner
• April 12: Olivia & Madeleine Hill
• April 19: Emalee Hobbs & Abby Meder
• April 26: Julia & Hanna Angst

Building On Faith yields much fruit

On Easter Sunday, we’re celebrating the First Fruits of new life.

Throughout the season of Lent, the Laingsburg United Methodist Church has entered into its Building on Faith Capital Campaign as we have sought to raise funds to expand our ministries through the creation of a larger sanctuary and much needed Christian Education space. In the midst of economically challenging times, we have seen the power of God at work among us. Not only has an old vision been resurrected to complete a project started in the 1970’s, but we have also seen the signs of new life around us as the leadership of our church has already committed $191,822 represented in 20 gifts over the next three years to the project.

On Sunday, April 12, during our Easter worship celebration at 10 a.m., we will take the first step in offering our first gifts to the vision God has shared with us. At that time, we will also celebrate the total of the gifts committed so far.

In addition, Easter Sunday will be filled with lots of special music from our adult choir and our family handbell choir. The Laingsburg United Methodist Church is celebrating the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Come out and join us as we give thanks to God and live in the power of the resurrection. Let’s celebrate the good news together. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

-- PASTOR ELBERT

A little Methodist humor

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps, “Where would you like to sit?” he asked politely. “The front row please,” she answered. “You really don’t want to do that,” the usher said, “The pastor is really boring.” “Do you happen to know who I am?” the woman inquired. “No.” he said. “I’m the pastor’s mother,” she replied indignantly. “Do you know who I am?” he asked. “No,” she said.” Good,” he answered.
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