



The LUMinary

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February birthdays and anniversaries

- Feb 2 Jeff Holyfield
- Feb 2 Lori Wagner
- Feb 2 Cole Harter
- Feb 3 Dawn Dulworth
- Feb 6 Roslyn Smith
- Feb 15 Gary and Norma Davis
- Feb 18 Nichole Brunn
- Feb 20 Joshua LaFountain
- Feb 21 Lee and Pat Hibbard
- Feb 23 Kathleen Plont
- Feb 28 Noah Brewer

Clothesline will be closed during months of February, March

The Clothesline will be closed for the months of February and March for renovations.

The non-profit family clothing store plans to re-open early April, Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with new spring and summer merchandise.

No clothing donations are being accepted at this time.

LUMC's Jean Austin is LBCA 'Unsung Hero of the Year'

Congratulations to our own Jean Austin who was chosen as the 2011 Unsung Hero by the Laingsburg Business & Community Association.

Joining her and LBCA President Carrie Rathbun Hawks is 2011 Businessperson of the Year winner Ed Buskirk of The Independent and laingsburgnews.com.



Ed, Carrie and Jean

Pastor Elbert and Carrie were also nominated for businessperson of the year. Other unsung hero nominees included John Carroll, Pat White, Pete Eisinger and Harley Koepf.

While church construction is underway, something new: a chickenless Chicken Dinner!

A community tradition that has been in place since 1981 is taking a hiatus. The local United Methodist Church is known in Laingsburg for many things:

- ~ Its ministry
- ~ Host of the community Food Bank
- ~ Meeting place each month for the local Business and Community Association.
- ~ Its active role in all kinds of community events.

And, for the past 30 years, its monthly Chicken Dinner.

With construction underway on a new sanctuary, the Chicken Dinner is taking a vacation; watch for updates the next few months to see what's forthcoming after construction is completed.

In the meantime, volunteers are being asked to help keep the very-needed Chicken Dinner monies rolling in with a unique idea:

A "Chicken Less" chicken dinner.

Instead of donation your time for your usual shift, please consider donating \$10 -- or whatever amount you prayerfully consider -- toward our Chicken Dinner fund. With a little labor saved and some dollars shared, we can continue our ministry and help with needed funds for our new building project.

Our Feb. chicken dinner would have been scheduled for the 4th. To make your monthly donation or for more information, please see Jan Holyfield.



Spartan coach Suzy Merchant

Chase away the winter blahs with an MSU basketball game!

The Family Ministries Work Area is hosting an outing to the MSU Women's Basketball game on Sunday, February 19. The MSU Women will be taking on the Boilermakers of Purdue at 5 p.m. at the Breslin Center.

If we have a group of 15 or more people attend, we can purchase tickets for \$3 each. Children ages 8 and under are admitted for free. If our group is less than 15, tickets will be \$8 each for adults, \$3 for children ages 9 - 18 and \$3 for adults 55 and older. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for those who are interested in attending or you can email Mary Angst (maryangst@cablespeed.com) to place a ticket order.

We need to have all ticket requests to us by Sunday, February 12, so that we can purchase and deliver the tickets. Please contact Troy or Mary Angst for more details.

We're under construction!

Framing has begun on our new sanctuary, and things are moving quickly! The weather has cooperated miraculously since the start of January, and once framing is completed, workers will be moving indoors to start on the interior.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who have been bring in lunches for our construction workers.

We look forward to you worshipping with us in our Fellowship Hall on Sundays at 10am.

Please enter the parking lot using the driveway off of 2nd North Street. For your safety please use the doors at the rear of the building. The handicap ramp is also still accessible.

Our church offices are now located in the nursery. Please enter through the Sunday School rooms.

The local Food Bank is still located in our building, but has re-located to the large closet on the south east side of the Fellowship Hall. The days and times of Mondays from 1-3pm and Thursdays from 6-8pm are still the same.



Donations for Laingsburg Food Bank

Donation Sunday for the Laingsburg Community Food Bank is Sunday, February 5. Let's continue to do our part by bringing in items for the Food Bank. The winter months are a particular time of need. There are several items of special need, including vegetables and shampoo. Thank you!

Farmers Mkt. looking to re-invent

We've had a farmers' market in the Burg for three years now with mixed results. The Laingsburg Business & Community Association has led the initiative with much help from the city. It's time to revisit how we do it, however, if we want it to survive. LBCA cannot continue to do it alone.

It's obviously a great asset for our community that, if done right, could attract people to Laingsburg to visit our other businesses and recreational offerings. Some planning and visioning is already underway. If you have ideas or would like to help in some way, please contact Carrie Rathbun Hawks or Carolyn Kirkby at 651-5903.

LBCA will begin holding its educational & networking meetings quarterly this year instead of monthly. Look for more information about our first meeting which will be March 14 in the evening. Membership is open to anyone. Learn more at laingsburgbusiness.org.



Crossroads District

United Methodist Church
Detroit Conference

Adult Lay Speaking Workshop

March 2 and 3, 2012

Court Street United Methodist Church

Lay speakers are leaders—they are caring people who communicate God's love to all. Please join together with other believers to help prepare you for God's calling in your life. The workshops will be held on Friday afternoon and evening and all day Saturday. Please invite your pastor, family, and friends to a banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. on March 3.

Courses offered are:

Basic—Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, and remaining rooted in spiritual practices. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and outlines a number of ministries in which lay speakers may assume roles.

Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century—This course offers a perceptive and practical guide for leaders who are interested in building ministry for older adults, but it also provides thought provoking questions about aging and promotes an understanding of the processes which we all will experience if we live long enough.

Lay Speakers Preach—Preaching is one of the most rewarding, exhilarating, and difficult things you will ever be called on to do. This course is designed to help in delivering an effective sermon. It will include sermon preparation, development, and delivery techniques.

Lay Speakers Lead in Prayer—To many people, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left to the "professionals" of the church. This course will help you gain confidence and skill in prayer—both public and personal—encouraging deeper and more vital prayer among all Christians.

2012 Lay Speaking Ministries Workshop Registration

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ City/ZIP _____

Church _____ Email _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Pastor's Signature _____

Class Choice: Basic _____ Aging and Ministry _____ Preach _____ Lead in Prayer _____

Please make checks (\$65) payable to **Crossroads District Board of Laity**. Return completed application and check to Bonnie Potter, 5140 Scott Road, Mt. Morris, MI 48458. If you have questions, please call (810) 687-2318 or email mpotter60@charter.net

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 19

You may also include banquet money in the check: # guest(s) _____ x \$10 = _____
Class books and additional information will be mailed to you after the registration is received. ©

The Laingsburg United Methodist Church is an accepting Christian community seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ by building heartfelt, nurturing, and supportive relationships with its members, its community and all of God's people.





FEBRUARY

Laingsburg United Methodist Church February 2012

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm	2 Food Bank 6-8pm	3	4
5 Worship 10am Food Bank Collection Trustees Meet 11am	6 Food Bank 1-3 Weight Watch 5-7	7 Women's exercise 1-2pm	8 LBCA 8am Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm	9 Food Bank 6-8pm	10 Scrapbooker's 9am ~ 3pm
12 Worship 10am	13 Food Bank 1-3 Weight Watch 5-7 Finance 7:30pm Council 8pm	14 UMW Meeting 10am Women's exercise 1-2pm	15 Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm	16 <i>Lion's Club Meal 5-7pm</i> <i>@ Congregational Church</i> Food Bank 6-8pm Scrapbooker's 6:30pm	17
19 Men's B-fast 8:30am Worship 10am	20 Food Bank 1-3 Weight Watch 5-7 Work Area's 7pm	21 Women's exercise 1-2pm	22 Ash Wed. Service 7pm	23 Food Bank 6-8pm	24
26 Worship 10am 1st Sunday in Lent	27 Food Bank 1-3 Weight Watch 5-7	28 Women's exercise 1-2pm	29 Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm		

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