



The LUMinary

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January birthdays and anniversaries

- Jan 1 Carl & Marilyn Veith
- Jan 1 Jean Austin
- Jan 4 Jeremy McDonald
- Jan 5 Tom Turek
- Jan 7 Martha West
- Jan 15 Loretta Kellogg
- Jan 16 Garrett Bush
- Jan 17 Rebecca Boettger
- Jan 23 Nancy Richard
- Jan 24 Kelsey Turek
- Jan 25 John and Joan Peck

Do we have your e-mail address?

It saves the church money on postage if we can e-mail this LUMinary monthly newsletter as well as other announcements that come up.

Please make sure we have your e-mail address(es) so we can stay in communication with you! This tool has also worked extremely well lately to recruit volunteers for various building project-related needs.

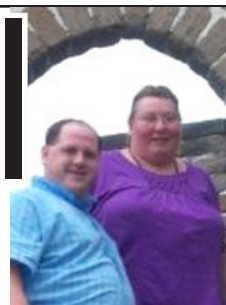
But we don't want to leave anyone out! Send your contact info to us at tomturek20032003@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Keep up to date with our LUMC web site

Our wonderful secretary Sarah has been doing a great job of keeping our church Web site updated. Be sure to visit it often at www.laingsburgumc.org to find archived bulletins, building updates, worship news and information on our church leaders, among many other things. Go Sarah!

Answering God's call

Pastor Elbert and Dawn moving on as District Superintendent in U.P.



Pastor Elbert Dulworth will be leaving us July 1. He has been appointed by Bishop Jonathan Keaton to serve as the district superintendent for the Marquette District, which includes 58 churches across the Upper Peninsula and in the very northeastern portion of the Lower Peninsula.

The Bishop and cabinet are already at work to identify and appoint a new Pastor at Laingsburg United Methodist Church.

LUMC will continue to be Pastor Elbert's number-one priority until he leaves this summer. He is still fully our pastor; committed to our congregation and focused on helping us complete the many goals we've set for our ministries, including our new construction. He will be here for us as he always has been.

Construction on the new sanctuary and Christian education rooms is moving along right on schedule.

Annual dinner coming up for LBCA

Join the Laingsburg Business & Community Association for its annual dinner on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at the new Rose Villa retreat center in downtown Laingsburg. Bring your own beverage and a dish to pass. Table service and meat provided by LBCA. The highlight of the night will be the announcement of the Unsung Hero and Businessperson of the Year Awards. Several members of our church have won these honors in past years, and a few others are nominated this year as well! Come down for dinner and find out who wins! For more info, contact Carrie Rathbun at carrie@rathbunpr.com or 651-7056.

Updates from UM women

News from the Laingsburg United Methodist Women:

- On Saturday, January 21, there will be a Memorial Service for Deb Cooper at 1 p.m. Finger foods will be available afterwards.
- The UMW will be meeting monthly on the 2nd Tuesday each month at 10 a.m. (this is a new time, changed from 11:30 a.m.).
- The women's exercise class will continue to meet on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 p.m., but for now they will meet at St. Isidore's Catholic Church while we are under construction.

Trip to MSU game with LUMC Family Ministries

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.

Let's feed the workers!

Several of us have been talking about how we can do some outreach with the construction workers, many of whom are from our own community. People have been making them coffee and bringing in baked goods and even bean soup (thanks Sue Dodge)!

If you'd like to help with this by providing a food or drink item some time, please let Sarah know in the office. She is working with Carrie Rathbun Hawks and Sue Dodge to help keep it organized. Thanks in advance for being part of our effort to carry out our mission of building caring relationships and making disciples for Jesus Christ (even if it's through food!).

That old country church

For those of us who have been here 50+ years we fondly remember the many faces that graced our sanctuary. The faces of Beulah Powell, Mildred Hagerty, Helen DeVault, Jim DeVault, Ray and Ethel Gibbs, Laurence and Naomi Dix, Edythe Blackledge, Bert and Betty Swarouth, Helen McNaughton, Melza Wauvle, Harriet Davidson, Helen Hobart, Sherwood Hunt, Manly Hunt, Phyllis Grove, Dale Morley, Ruth Schlicher, Jerry Braman, Joanne Nichols, Stan Blackledge, Eleanor Samson, Don Harris, Mary Weismiller and more.

Our pastors, church members and I had the privilege of visiting these folks over a period of 11 years when they became "shut-ins." What nice memories we have of them all!

So many activities were held here, such as our annual "Harvest Supper" for the community in the old Pine Room. It was our fundraiser by donations only. We also had bazaars back then.

We've had Bible Schools here, and day camps at Bates-Scout Park. We teachers each had a corner of the park complete with our own campfires to cook our lunches on. The children would come at 9 a.m. each morning to raise the flag together, then go to their groups. There were years when some of us went to Port Huron Fine Arts Camp or choir camps to be counselors for a week.

We had Halloween parties, both adult and childrens, in the Pine Room. We had spook houses in the old basement. We even borrowed a casket from our own McDougall Funeral Home and filled it with a "live" mummy. What fun times we had!

Sunday School classes were held in all of the rooms. Mine was in the Pine Room nursery section. One was in the tiny kitchen. One in the hallway between two bathrooms, one in the Pine Room and one upstairs.

The "luminaries" were put out front and back by our youth groups every



Christmas. They also did service projects, one being the scraping of all the paint off the parsonage siding. They went on trips to Cedar Point when their sessions were done.

We also lit up the giant pine tree every Christmas which now has been cut down. Karl Schlicher sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth" as we dedicated the Peace Pole on the northwest corner of the church. We also dedicated a new maple tree (now cut down north of the church) with our senior citizens holding hands around the tree.

Christmas parties were held for the Sunday School. Mary Jane always supplied bags or little boxes of candy and peanuts from her "Corner Shop" downtown. We even had a Christmas walk-thru one year for the whole community. Each room was decorated with a theme of Christmas. A toy shop, a bake shop, a Salvation Army corner with bell ringers -- and in the far corner Santa Claus sat with candy canes for the kids. I remember Jim DeVault as one Santa and Sam Hughes as another one year. Carl Veith was Santa later on.

Our children would take turns ringing our church bell before church every Sunday. Someone also rang it every Christmas Eve after the service and at midnight at our New Year's Eve "watch night" services.

Yes, so many memories we'll never forget, and although we may grieve for that old country church, we move forward. -- Shalom, CORALIE GEORGE

Clothesline announcement

The Clothesline will open in 2012 on Saturday, January 7. We will be open Saturdays only for the months of January and February with new hours of 10 am to 2 pm. The store is offering buy 10 items that fit in a bag for \$10, get 10 more items that fit in a bag for FREE! Winter outerwear and boots excluded. In cases of a special need, please contact Pastor Dulworth. No donations are being accepted at this time.

LUMC Building Committee update: things are moving along right on schedule



This is our Building Committee update as of January 8, 2012:

As most of you have seen, the concrete footer and support walls are in. Backfilling is completed, and the floor is poured. Thankfully, this was done before the weather turned cold and snowy. Framing now begins..

We are quickly making plans for sound, lighting and video services. If anyone wants input, please contact Clint, as he is heading this portion. We have already talked with Hal and Diana on their needs. The main issue will be making sure the new structure is wired to handle future needs.

We have made our first mortgage payment and the first payment to the contractors.

Also, thanks to Phil Matthews for removing the brush and remaining support beams that were in the parking lot. I'm sorry I didn't get a picture of the honey wagon in the sanctuary space last Saturday.

-- CLINT HAWKS, LUMC Bldg. Committee representative


Do you know who your leaders are?

Do you know who among us has taken on God's challenge to serve him by serving others? Many people in our church are on committees and work areas that meet and donate their time and talents throughout the year to make our church and our community better places to spread God's love. Here is a list:

- CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR:
Jeff Holyfield
- ASSISTANT CHAIR: Jean Austin
- RECORDING SEC.: Karen McDonald
- FINANCIAL SEC.: Harold Walters
- TREASURER: Katrina Hill
- LAY LEADER: Jan Holyfield
- LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Jan Holyfield
- ALTERNATE LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Karen McDonald



Laingsburg United Methodist Church January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship 10am Food Bank Collection 1	2	3 Women's exercise 1-2pm	4	5 Food Bank 6-8pm	6	Clothesline 10-2 Scrapbooker's 10am-7pm 7
Worship 10am Trustees Meet 11am 8	Food Bank 1-3 Weight Watch 5-7 9	UMW 11:30am 10 Women's exercise 1-2pm Scrapbooker's 6:30pm 10	LBCA 8am 11 Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm	12 Food Bank 6-8pm Scrapbooker's 6:30pm	13	Clothesline 10-2 14
Men's B-fast 8:30am Worship 10am Human Relations Day Offering 15	Food Bank 1-3 Weight Watch 5-7 Work Area's 7pm Finance 7:30pm Council 8pm 16	17 Women's exercise 1-2pm	Quilting 10am 18 @ Evelyn Baker's Bells 7pm Choir 7:30pm	<i>Lion's Club Med</i> 19 <i>5-7pm @ Con-</i> <i>gregational</i> <i>Church</i> Food Bank 6-8pm	20	Clothesline 10-2 Hall in Use 1pm - 4pm 21
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