

Laingsburg United Methodist Church

Change for a Change

Change for a Change for December will go to help us pay our Ministry Shares.

We often receive questions regarding what Ministry Shares are, so here is a short answer to that question. Your tithing is your share in the ministry of our local church. Our church's Ministry Shares are our share in the ministry of the broader United Methodist Church. In short, Ministry Shares are our church's tithing to the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church around the world.

Currently we have paid 67% of our Ministry Shares. We still need \$4,000 to meet our goal.

Longest Night Service

Thursday, December 21st at 7:00 pm

Held on the longest night of the year, this is a solemn worship service that recognizes and provides space for those who are struggling during this season when everyone expects us to be joy-filled. If Christmas isn't your favorite time of the year, or you are struggling this year, this is the service for you.



Christmas Services

Dec. 21 7:00 pm	Longest Night Service
Dec. 24 10:30 am	Sunday Worship Service
Dec. 24 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service

Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 26
2:00 6:30 pm
LUMC



Nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ in intentional Christian community through outreach, fellowship, worship, discovery and service.

- LUMC Missional Focus

Third Sunday of Advent

The Good News for the End to Come

Rev. Tiffany Newsom † December 17, 2023 † 10:30 am

Welcome to Laingsburg United Methodist Church
We are happy that you're here!

WELCOMING & GATHERING

PRELUDE Chong Zheng

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 126 UMH 847

OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again.

Let us pray that we may always be ready to welcome him.

Come, Lord Jesus. *Lighting the first candle*

That the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love.

Come, Lord Jesus. *Lighting the second candle*

That the light of Christ may penetrate the darkness of sin.

Come, Lord Jesus. *Lighting the third candle*

A TIME WITH YOUTH "Sanctuary" TFWS 2164

THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

SPECIAL MUSIC Chapelaire Choir

INVITATION TO GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

The Doxology (UMH 95) *(Stand as able)*

The Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE STORY John 1:6-8, 19-28

SERMON *The Good News for the End to Come* Pastor Tiffany

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 202

GUIDED AND PASTORAL PRAYER

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Like a Child" TFWS 2092

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Chong Zheng

UMH = "United Methodist Hymnal"

TFWS = "The Faith We Sing"



Online Offering Plate

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.

Everyone is welcome to stay after worship for a time of refreshments, conversations, and community.

During our Worship Service, the nursery room is available for children, accompanied by a parent. Please know that ALL children are welcome in worship.

Praying for Our Church

If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, you can email or telephone requests to Pat Hibbard (hibbardlph@aol.com or 989-834-2119), or contact the church office.

Keeping Others in Prayer:

Ukraine	Chris P.-broken femur-rehab-home
Missy	Andy & Tracy-health
Wesley –2yr old w/cancer	Doug M. –bypass
Jennifer	Mary Jane-rehab-is home
Norma & Gary	Dustin
Gayla & Lloyd	Jake
Scott –cancer	Ryan
Nick-heart	Nancy B. & José – Nancy kidney failure
Ally-lymphoma	Ed H.—knee replacement
Glenna & Gwen	Family of Coralie George
Lori H.-home	Family of Jarred Bird
Pray for peace in Israel/Palestine	Jane-pacemaker
Ray T.	Tornadoes & flooding
Sue D.	

Additional: _____

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Dec 18: Pastor Tiffany
Dec 18: CL Adams
Dec 19: Ethan Sebenick

Discover More Online:

Church Website: www.Laingsburgumc.org
Follow us at [Facebook.com/laingsburgumc](https://www.facebook.com/laingsburgumc)

Contact the Church About Any Ministry or Program You're Interested in Learning More About

Phone: (517) 651-5531 Church Email: Laingsburgumc@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:30am-2:30pm. Closed Fridays.

(Pastoral Care Appointments can be made by appt. with Pastor Tiffany)

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Week of Sunday, December 17, 2023

The Ministry Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 17:

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am Worship in sanctuary
11:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, December 18:

1-3 pm Laingsburg Food Bank hours

Tuesday, December 19:

9-11 am Tuesday at Twilliger's

Thursday, December 21:

10:00 am No Bible Study until January
6-8 pm Laingsburg Food Bank hours
7:00 pm Longest Night Service

Friday, December 22:

Office Closed

Sunday, December 24:

10:30 am Worship in sanctuary
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25: Merry Christmas

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26:

Office Closed
2:00-6:30 pm Blood Drive at LUMC

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Dec 17: Clint & Carrie Rathbun Hawks
Dec 24: Martha West
Dec 31: Please bring a plate of goodies to share



If you would be willing to help with our Coffee Hour, please contact the church office.