

## United Methodist Church of Ludington

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009 ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### March 22-29, 2009 Schedule of Events

##### Today, March 22 One Great Hour of Sharing and New Members Received

- 8:00 am Praise Band Rehearsal  
9:30 am Contemporary Worship; PK-8th grade and Adult Sunday School  
10:15 am Coffee Time  
11:00 am Traditional Worship; 9-12 Sunday School  
1:30-3:30 pm Student Church Service Project at Sand-castles Children's  
Museum, (M.S./H.S.)  
2:00-4:30 pm All Church Roller Skating at Johnny's

##### Tuesday, Mar. 24

- 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer (*Prayer Warriors welcome!*)  
5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

##### Wednesday, Mar. 25

- 9:00 am Rug Ladies  
6:00 pm Family Meal  
7:00 pm Phyllis Heimall & Irv Prescott Lenten Program in Fellowship  
Hall

##### Thursday, Mar. 26

- 6:00 am Men's Book Club at Brenda's Café  
1:30 pm Garden Club, FH  
7:00 pm Communications Committee  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
8:00 pm Praise Choir Rehearsal

##### Friday, Mar. 27

- 1:00 pm UMW Executive Board

##### Saturday, Mar. 28

- 6:30 pm Young Adult Meeting

##### Sunday, Mar. 29

- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship; PK-8th grade & Adult Sunday School  
10:15 am Coffee Time  
11:00 am Traditional Worship; 9-12 Sunday School  
12:30-4:30 pm Visioning Committee  
1:30-5:30 pm Scandinavian Society, FH

## Finance Committee Update

In our effort to keep the Congregation apprised of the finances of the Church, the following report shows the status of the General Fund at the end of February.

### INCOME

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		YTD	
BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
\$26,596	\$23,264	\$26,596	\$26,402	\$53,192	\$49,667
	<\$3,332>		<\$ 194>		<\$3,526>

### EXPENSES

BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
\$26,596	\$35,423	\$26,596	\$33,461	\$53,192	\$68,884
	<\$8,827>		<\$6,865>		<\$15,692>

### SHORTFALL

<\$12,159>	<\$7,059>	<\$19,218>
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As can be seen in the above table, the expected income was \$3,526 below budget and the expenses were \$15,692 over budget resulting in a shortfall of \$19,218. This shortfall was covered using the General Fund Reserve (a carry over from 2008).

It should be noted that neither the Income nor the Expense Budgets reflect any seasonal variations factors. Additionally, the Expenses for both January and February included expenses incurred during construction and snow plowing costs since November, 2008.

The Finance Committee will be re-evaluating the budget at the end of March and will make recommendations as needed to balance the General Fund Budget.

*Family of Donna Larson (mother of Molly Timinski),*

**MISSIONARIES**

Bob & Sue Martin,  
Barbara Smith-Jang,  
Pastor Bernard &  
Betty Lumene,  
Delbert & Sandy  
Groves,  
Paul Webster,

**NURSING/ADULT CARE**

Leone Benedict,  
Margie Barton,  
Margie Cauchie,  
Alice Damkoehler,  
Bob Ferguson,  
Russell & Eleanor Grams,  
Edith Grant,  
Billie Jabrocki,  
Margaret Lunde,  
Alex MacDonald,  
Jack Maclam,  
Gladys Martin,  
Betty Myers,  
Phyllis Post,  
Joan Rasmussen,  
Dorothy Tabor,  
Eileen Thiel,  
Grace Tooker,  
Emma Van Horn,

**Soweto-Kapisha UMC and Front Porch  
Orphanage, Zambia**

**ONGOING**

Alice Abrahamson  
Connie Anderson,  
Jeff Anderson,  
Marjorie Boardman,  
Helen Burmeister,  
Marion Caplon,  
Margery Ernst,  
Bob Herlein,  
Matt Holmberg,  
Alice Grover,  
Robert Jones,  
Arlene Kelsey,  
Carolann Klinkhammer,  
Robert Laird,  
Shirley Larson,  
Maralee McCumber,  
Bryan McDonald,  
Sean Nelson,  
Karen & Pat O'Brien,  
Delainey O'Connell,  
Joseph Penrod,  
Jerry Ponko,  
Priscilla Shaw,  
Charles Sidnam,  
Lisa Wolven,  
Linda Wolven,

**IN THE MILITARY**

George Cone, Jr., Iraq,  
Travis DeMeester, CA,  
Benjamin Gottwald, NC,  
Jonathan Gottwald, TX,  
Greg Heimall Jr., RI,  
Tyler Iteen,  
Eric Luteyn, MO,  
Adam Miller, Korea,  
Sgt. Paul Nickelson, TX,  
Mark Randall, TX,  
Mark Shaw, Iraq,  
Tony Wagner, VA.

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Darren Quillan, Eric Reum, Jessica Reum, Mallory Pehrson, Hilary Pehrson, Matt Sonefeld, Whitney Quillan,  
Corey Shinn, Jordan McCary, Erica Timinski, Ryan Raspotnik, Andrew Rodriguez, Martin Hunt, Eric Piper,  
Elizabeth Evans

**Local visitors interested in learning about our church and its programs are encouraged to stop at the table in the narthex to pick up a visitor bag.**

Today's **altar flowers** were donated **in memory of Lilah Chisholm**. The five bud vases with roses are in honor of those being baptized.

**Come roller skate at Johnny's** in Custer **from 2:00 to 4:30 TODAY!** Do not pay at the door; just pick up a prize ticket. Tell them you are with United Methodist Church of Ludington. Please pay Betty at our reserved table: \$5.50 includes skating, pizza and pop. Children age three and younger skate and eat for \$1. This is an intergenerational event.

**March 24 is our turn again for Community Table.** If you can help in any way, please contact Jeanny Burtch at 843-8306. All help is appreciated!

Would you like to have a voice in how and when our church communicates news to the congregation and the community? Please come to the **Communications Committee** meeting **Thursday, March 26, at 7 pm.** We will meet in the church library.

Be sure to put Wednesday, **April 1** on your calendar. **At 7:00 pm, Paul L. Maier will give a lecture entitled "New Horizons in the New Testament."** Dr. Maier is Russell H. Seibert Professor of Ancient History at Western Michigan University a noted author. This is part of our Wednesday night Lenten series.

**United Methodist Women Lenten Breakfast April 4, 9:30 am** — Come join us for a breakfast of fruit, quiche and muffins, followed by a program! All women are welcome. Sign up on the bulletin board in the church office.

**Correction to newsletter — On Palm Sunday, April 5, the Praise Band will lead worship at 9:30. The Chancel Choir will perform the cantata at the 11:00 service only.**

**All Church Study:** During the five weeks between April 19 and May 17, the congregation will be invited to join in an all church study on Bishop Schnase's book, ***Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations***: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity. Pastor Tom will be preaching on one of these "practices" each Sunday over this period. On March 29, April 5 and April 12 you will have an opportunity to purchase the book and sign up for a small group.

**The electronic PDF version of Footprints** was emailed on February 26. If you signed up for the electronic version but did not receive it in your email inbox, you might need to check your Spam or Junk folder. Please add the address [newsletter@ludingtonumc.org](mailto:newsletter@ludingtonumc.org) to your safe senders list to avoid this problem in the future. Thank you for helping us save costs!

Muskegon Central United Methodist Church is offering **Taize services** on Wednesdays in Lent at 7:30 pm. In Taize worship there is no preaching. Rather, there are readings, simple music and silence. Piano, flute and cantor aid the singing. This is a thirty minute contemplative worship service ending with Holy Communion. If you are interested in connecting with others who would like to attend, call the UMC Ludington church office at 843-8340.

If you would like a sound or video tech for an event at the church, please pick up a **Sound/Video Tech Request Form** in the church office and submit it at least one week before your event. Thanks!

**"...If I believe that the first commandment is to love God with my whole heart, mind and soul, then I should at least spend one hour a day with nobody else but God. Whether it is helpful, practical or fruitful is completely irrelevant, because the only**

**reason to love is love itself. Everything else is secondary. Although this hour may not even seem like prayer because of inner confusion and many distractions, sitting in the presence of God for one hour daily radically changes my life.”**

***Henri Nouwen***