



United Methodist Church of Ludington

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SUNDAY, DEC. 20, 2009 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 20-27, 2009 Schedule of Events

Today, Dec. 20

- 8:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:15 am Coffee Time
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship; Student Church leaves for Grand Rapids

Tuesday, Dec. 22

- 9:30 am Intercessory Prayer
- 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Dec. 23

- 9:00 am Rug and Sleeping Bag Ladies
- 7:00 pm Recorder Group, KFC Room

Thursday, Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

- 6:00 pm Men's Book Club at Brenda's Café
- 12:30 pm Office closes**
- 6:00 pm Children's Christmas Eve Service
- 7:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Bells, Communion
- 11:00 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Chancel Choir, Communion

(Nursery provided for 7:30 service only).

Friday, Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS Office closed

Sunday, Dec. 27

- 8:30 am Praise Team Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Contemporary Worship
- 10:15 am Coffee Time
- 11:00 am Traditional Worship, baptism

Laurie the Office Manager will be on vacation December 28-January 1. Volunteers will staff the office from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm December 28-20 and from 9:00 am to 12:30 December 31. The office will be closed New Year's Eve afternoon and New Year's Day.

Mike Genter,
Geoff Wooster,
Ron Flaughter,
Bill Walker,
Marcine Cox,
Marion Boardman
Allen Frey Family,
Faith & Jyl Miller,
Noel Family,
Family of Jedidiah Schultz,



MISSIONARIES

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

NURSING/ADULT CARE

Alice & Warren Abrahamson,
Leone Benedict,
Margie Barton,
Helen Blum,
Marjorie Boardman,
Helen Burmeister,
Margie Cauchie,
Alice Damkoehler,
Bob Ferguson,
Idah Gearhart,
Eleanor Grams,
Edith Grant,
Billie Jabrocki,
Robert Laird,
Margaret Lunde,
Alex MacDonald,
Gladys Martin,
Tommy McCumber,
Betty Myers,
Joan Rasmussen,
Eileen Thiel,
Emma Van Horn,

Soweto-Kapisha UMC and Front Porch Orphanage, Zambia

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Emma Post—Alma
Katelin Post—Ferris State
Brent Gillett—CMU
Eric & Jessica Reum—MSU
Matt Sonefeld—CMU
Patrick Luke—Mich. Tech
Jenna Luke—NWMC

Elizabeth Evans—Lansing Community College
Hilary & Mallory Pehrson - MSU
Erica Timinski—U of M
Jordan McCary—Motorcycle Mechanic Inst.
Darren Quillan—MSU
Andrew Rodriguez—EMU
Martin Hunt—WMU
Corey Shinn—GVSU

ONGOING

Clyde Abrahamson,
Marion Caplon,
Margery Ernst,
Lois Ewing,
Aiden Harper,
Bob Herlein,
Matt Holmberg,
Robert Jones,
Arlene Kelsey,
Carolann Klinkhammer,
Shirley Larson,
Kristi Leclair,
Kathy Mantey,
Maralee McCumber,
Bryan McDonald,
Sean Nelson,
Bill Nickelson Jr.,
Karen & Pat O'Brien,
Joseph Penrod,
Gail Piper,
Jerry Ponko,
Alyce Prescott,
Donna Shafer,
Priscilla Shaw,
Charles Sidnam,
Dick Stover,
Linda Wolven,

IN THE MILITARY

Tech Sgt Matt Bowling,
George Cone, Jr., GA,
Travis DeMeester, CA,
Daron J. Diepenbruck, Afg
Benjamin Gottwald, NC,
Jonathan Gottwald, TX,
Jose Granados,
Greg Heimall Jr., RI,
Tyler Iteen,
Eric Luteyn, MO,
Michael M. Marquez,
Adam Miller, Korea,
Jonathan Oliver,
Eric Piper, LA
Blaine Reed, Afgh,
Mark Shaw, Iraq,
Christopher Stevens,
Tony Wagner, VA.

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 and the rest of December, pick up your **2010 offering boxes** in the narthex.

NEEDED: One volunteer to manage the church website. Many thanks to Brenda Gillett, who has offered to send out the monthly electronic newsletter.

Volunteers to work as sound and video techs on Sunday mornings. Especially needed are people who attend first service. Knowledge of computer would be helpful for video tech area, and good hearing is necessary for sound techs. Please call the office if you are interested.

The **Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** will start up again on January 7 at 10:00 am, continuing to meet in the 4th/5th grade classroom. Our study will be "The 23rd Psalm—The Lord, our Shepherd", and it will run for 9 weeks. Our books will be available at our first meeting on January 7; cost of book to be published later. Please sign up in the church office. Call Lynne Gohn at 843-4746 if questions.

The Evangelism Committee will offer a six week class, "**Becoming a Contagious Christian,**" from 7:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday from January 6 through February 10. The class will follow the family meals. Al Carlson will lead the class. This study by Bill Hybels, Lee Strobel and Mark Mittelberg, of the well-known Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois, is designed to help you communicate your faith in a style that fits you. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the church office by December 21 so that Allan will know how many participant guides to order.

Many thanks...

to all who decorated the outside trees and the inside of our church. You have made God's place beautiful.

to those who helped in any way with the American Red Cross Blood Drive December 3. The Red Cross got 24 pints.

to our church from the Ludington High School Show Choir for the use of our building.

Tiana Williams was born September 17, 2009 a healthy child. On November 2 she developed pneumonia and respiratory failure, and was eventually diagnosed with whooping cough. Tiana is now on a ventilator at Devos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids and is undergoing dialysis. Please contribute to the family's needs by attending a **spaghetti dinner benefit** from 5 to 8 pm Sunday, December 20, at the American Legion, 318 N. James in Ludington. Cost is \$4 for adults and children over 10; \$2 for children under 10.

Celebrate the sounds of Christmas from Great Britain as the 16th Century Singers, directed by Ann French along with organist Mark Steigenga, present **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** at 6:00 pm Sunday, December 20 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 521 Cypress Street in Manistee. There is no charge for admission. For information call 231-690-3894.

The XYZ (Xtra Years of Zest) will meet at noon on Thursday, January 7 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck lunch and warm fellowship. Bring a dish to pass, your table service and a friend. Entertainment will be a lively musical program with details to follow later in Sunday bulletins. It will be a fun and memorable time for all present.

Wednesday Night Family Dinners will begin again at 6:00 pm on January 6.

Tom and Ellie Westcott thank everyone for your prayers for their great-grandson **Aiden Harper**. His surgery went very well.

From Dave & Donna Peterson: Thank you so much for your concern and prayers for our son Kurt, who is recovering nicely from recent surgery. Your cards, calls, and especially your prayers are very much appreciated. It's wonderful to be part of such a caring church.



Given By

Loraine Abrahamson
Rosie Abrahamson
Jillonne Amsterburg
Jim & Nancy Anderson
Steve & Brenda Begnoche
Marjorie Boardman
Allan Carlson & Family
Viola Christopherson and Jerry & Darlene Ponko

Donna Depeel
Shirley Dust
Adeline Evans
Judy Forman
Dennis Genson & Family
Mike & Cindy Genter
Linda & Bob Johnson
Larry & Jill Lloyd
Jim & Lynne Martin
Bob & Cheryl McCary

Jane Mengot
Betty Myers
Bob & Kay Neal
William & Marcia Olmstead
Alyce & Irving Prescott
Kathy & Ted Radtke

John Reed
Janelle Schade
Priscilla Shaw
Dennis & Betty Tabor

Fern Wrege

In Honor/Memory Of

In memory of Willie Abrahamson
In honor of Jesus' birthday
In memory of Robert (husband) and Luke Alan (son)
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Laird and Roy H. Anderson
In memory of Brenda's parents, Mick & Joan Waldron
In memory of Henry Boardman
In memory of Helen Carlson
In memory of Soren and Gary Christopherson and Margaret & Gerald Ponko
In memory of Diane Lynch, daughter
In memory of Clarence Dust
In memory of Jay Evans
In honor of Kimberly Van Sickle; in memory of Harvey & Joyce Goff
In memory of Cindy Genson
In memory of our fathers, Dick Genter and Bob Foster
In honor of Geraldine Johnson; in memory of Murray Johnson
In memory of Bob Holihan
In memory of Lilah Chisholm & Mauda Clayton
In honor of Bob & Caroline McCary; in memory of Paul & Dorothy Fredrickson
In memory of Norbert Mengot
In memory of Max Myers
In memory of our parents
In memory of Dale & Jackie Masten and William "Ollie" Olmstead
In memory of Lisa Lafond Osman
In honor of our new grandson, Robert (Bobby) Radtke; in memory of Gail & Harry Schrag
In honor of all the men and women serving in our armed forces
In memory of Norman Schade
In memory of my parents, Thomas & Rosemary Green
In memory of our parents, Kent & Dorothy Tabor and Bud & Lynne Luhmann
In memory of Walfred Wrege and Mr. & Mrs. Guy Wrege

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, Building Fund, and the Soaring in Faith Building Fund campaign through the end of November, 2009.

General Fund:

November General Fund Income	\$37,826
November General Fund Expense	<u>\$29,608</u>
November Surplus	\$8,218

Year to Date General Fund Income	\$341,055
Year to Date General Fund Expense	<u>\$333,254</u>
Year to Date Surplus	\$7,801

Building Fund/Genesis Project:

Bryant Road Building Fund Balance – 10/31/09	\$69,950
Genesis Fund Mortgage Balance – 10/31/09	\$1,475,447
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$10,353

Soaring in Faith Building Fund Campaign:

Total Soaring-in-Faith Pledges	\$587,191
Receipts through 10/31/09	\$375,293
