

Welcome

March 19



Busy Bags for children with crayons, books, etc. are available. Look for them by the entrance, and please return them to the rack so they can be restocked for next week.

Child Care: Child care is available for infants through 5 year-olds on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Nursery. We invite older children to enjoy the Busy Bags.

Coffee Hour: We are glad to be able to worship together today! We invite everyone to stay for refreshments and fellowship in the Gathering Space after the worship service.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Loose coin offerings for the month of March will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

We welcome the following people today who have transferred their membership to Mt. Pleasant First UMC:

- Ralph, Jennifer, Ella and Kent Lane from Midland First UMC
- Kate Marsh from Montague UMC
- Linda Smith from Mayville UMC
- Jeff and Reneé Sternaman from Good Shepherd UMC

Adult Bible Study at 10:05 a.m. in the Library - Join us as we read and discuss God's Word. All are Welcome!

Adult Sunday School at 10:05 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room will be studying "Spiritual Formation". In Christian circles, we often talk about the importance of spiritual formation as an aspect of discipleship. What spiritual practices and disciplines can support our desire to mature in Christ? Next week we will study "The Dead Sea Scrolls".

Soup and Substance Lenten Series - Join us Sundays, March 19, April 2 and April 9, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This Sunday "Soup and Conversation About an Inclusive Church" will be led by John Boley. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the light meal provided.



Next Sunday, March 26 - Please join us for "**When You Wish**" **Camp New Day Benefit Concert & Church Open House**. The Open House is from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and 4:00 -5:00 p.m. and includes guided tours of our newly renovated Church spaces. "When You Wish" Benefit Concert will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a Fellowship Reception at 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, March 26 is UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) - Your offering pays administrative expenses for UMCOR allowing support for ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. When we assist UMCOR with our offering, we help restore and rebuild lives in Cuba, the United States and around the world. Please use the UMCOR Sunday envelope inserted in your bulletin next Sunday and make your check out to First United Methodist Church.

If you want to **recycle your bulletins**, please put them in the basket located in the Gathering Space just outside the Sanctuary. Thank you.

Confronting Michigan's Climate Change is this year's theme for **Keep Making Peace** - Saturday, April 1 at University United Methodist Church in East Lansing. More information is at the Welcome Center. Curt Jensen will be available to coordinate registrations and travel.

Please consider joining the Education Team in **recognizing Connie & Marc Schroeder** for their many years of service. Jennifer Lane will have a card to sign, and will be collecting monetary gifts. Please have your donations to Jennifer by Sunday, April 30. All donations will be given to the Lansing Area Emmaus Walk Community in Connie & Marc's names.

UMW NEWS

Program for March Mackenzie Circle - "**Human Trafficking**" presented by Linda Smith. All women are invited to attend, this Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

The Mary Martha Circle program will be held on Monday, March 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. A representative from **Community Cancer Services** will be our speaker. All women invited to attend.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 8th • 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Your generous donations of candy, small trinkets, and plastic eggs are greatly appreciated, and can be left in Jennifer's office!

We'd love your help filling eggs too!

• THURSDAY, APRIL 6 • 1:00 PM
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Thank-You!

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

Beverly Wangberg Wilma Blackman Betty Eckersley Don Felisky

Prayers

Carole Baker - continued healing
Co-worker's husband - from Sarah Robinson/serious health issues

Joyce - Bruce Schrock's secretary/cancer treatment
Leigh - daughter of Don & Paula Johnson/upcoming eye surgery
 Dixie Neier - recovery at Medical Care Facility

Extended Illness and Treatment


12 year old boy - friend of Sue Rummel/leukemia
 Alisha - friend of Linda Traum/spinal surgery recovery
 Jim Anderson - continued healing & strength
 Hannah Boley - double lung transplant continued progress
 Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/stage 4 liver cancer
 Brother of Linda Traum - health issues
 Marge Deibel - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/continued progress
 Joan Doherty - sister of Shirley Rosan/cancer
 David Foster - heart surgery recovery at home
 Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/cancer treatment
 Chris Graham - son of Cassandra Tucker/gastroparesis a complication of diabetes
 Tami Gregg - sister-in-law of Carolyn Davidson/cancer
 Natalie Gurley - sister-in-law of Linda Traum/breast cancer treatment
 Jeff Heintz - friend of the Partlo's/cancer treatment
 Eric Heitman - from Pat Heitman/cancer treatment
 Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/continuing terminal cancer treatment
 Richard Holland - from Herb & Janet Rice/foot amputation surgery recovery
 Nicole Hough - cousin of Carolyn Davidson/return of lymphoma
 David Jaskae - brother-in-law of Chuck & Dianne/return of blood cancer
 Jeanne - from Randy Hetherington/accident recovery & heart concerns
 Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy & Sue/cancer surgery recovery
 John Keller - continued stroke recovery at home
 Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
 Kim - Dan Marvin's sister/liver cancer
 Mike Krauss - nephew of Norma Kreiner/recovering from diabetic complications-eye surgery

Wayne Lawrence - health issues
 Betsy Martin - daughter-in-law of Jane Martin/high risk pregnancy
 Bob Massongill - cousin of Dave McDonald/cancer diagnosis
 Maureen - from Greg & Carole Merwin/2nd round of chemo
 JoAnn Maxim - surgery recovery
 Molly - friend of Jason Bennett/throat surgery & cancer recovery
 Matt Noble & family - heart & lung transplant
 Jack Nothstine - infant grandson of Marja & Tom Nothstine/reflux pain
 Jerry & Sheila Parsons - both battling cancer
 Gary Priest - Wendy Elliott's father/cancer treatment
 Bill Ouellette - friend of the Trombly's/terminal cancer
 Randy Recker - continued heart surgery recovery
 Kathleen Richardson - Curt Jensen's niece/continued neck & spine surgery recovery
 Dillon Schepperly - nephew of Jacqui Pridgeon/job search
 Scott - son-in-law of Bill & Arlene Dunham/working with men released from prison
 Mike Smith - son-in-law of Linda & Lynn Smith/completed chemo
 Benny Steele - from Beverly Steele
 R.K. Steele - son of Beverly Steele
 Tammie - niece of Deb Skinner
 Jim Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/responding well to ongoing cancer treatment
 Denise Terwilliger - friend of Les & Julia Keeper/ongoing cancer treatment
 Athena Trombly - niece of Barry Trombly/upcoming surgery for brain tumor
 Vera Twining - aunt of Sharon McDonald/difficult stroke recovery
 Mary Ulmer - friend of Sandy Schrock/severe health issues

Family Members Serving in the Military

J. D. DeLaOssa - grandson of Fred & Barbara Stabley/currently serving in Iraq.

Please help us keep the prayer concerns updated by calling the church office with up to date information about your prayer requests. Thank you.

			
			Periscope Viewers
3/12/17	9:00 am	100	50
	11:00 am	48	17
		148	67
Loose coin offering for The Association for Interfaith Ministries, AIM, for February was \$180.00.			