

Welcome

December 3



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 re-stocked 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 coffee and fellowship in the Gathering Space after the worship service.

NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Loose coin offerings for the month of December will be donated to the Goodrow Fund.

Adult Bible Study - Join us at 10:05 a.m. in the Library as we study great Bible stories in chronological order. All are welcome.

Adult Sunday School meets in the Multipurpose Room. this week we will discuss "Sexual Harassment and Assault". The recent revelations about movie producer Harvey Weinstein have sparked a national conversation about sexual harassment and assault. Many women have spoken up publicly about their experiences. How does our faith guide us to listen and to respond? How can the church be a place of healing for individuals who have experienced sexual harassment and assault?

Bishop David Bard will be holding his final evening of dialogue conversations about LGBTQ inclusion in the church this Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Area Ministry Center, 1011 Northcrest Rd., Lansing, MI. All are welcome to come and hear our Bishop, learn about the Commission on the Way Forward and share your hopes for the future of the UMC.

Staff Christmas Gifts - SPRC is collecting money for Staff Christmas gifts! This is the last Sunday we will have a table set up before the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and between services. Our SPRC Committee members will be collecting donations. Let's show our staff how much we appreciate them!



Oh What Fun! All families with children are invited to craft ornaments in Fellowship Hall next Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Grandparents, please bring any visiting grandchildren too! Light refreshments and all craft supplies are provided.

CMU Student Study Nights! Coffee, snacks, WIFI and a quiet study area in Fellowship Hall. Dec. 10-13, 8:00 p.m. till midnight. All students welcome!

BELL RINGING TIME AGAIN! First UMC will be "Ringing the Bells" on two Saturdays, December 9 and December 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Kroger's. Church and Society is again asking you to volunteer just one hour of your time to help us fill all the time slots. Last year \$798.31 was raised by First UMC. Sign up through SignUpGenius or call Nancy Priestap (772-5541) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar - The Altar Flower Committee would like to invite you to remember and/or honor a loved one by donating Christmas Poinsettias. Please complete an order form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office with your donation of \$15.00 no later than Monday, December 11th. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center Desk and in your bulletin.



Fall Technology Clinic. Thursday evening, December 14 starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Bring your laptops, iPads, iPhones and your questions.

First UMC will host the **Rotating Homeless Shelter January 2 to 14, 2018.** We need lots of volunteers for evening hosting, evening meals, overnight shifts, morning wakeup duty, initial setup and final takedown, and laundry. Please help by volunteering on SignUpGenius, or Sundays at the Welcome Center, or by phone to the church office. A brief training session (particularly recommended for new volunteers or anyone wondering what helping entails) will take place in the Chapel between services next Sunday, December 10 at 10:05 a.m.

UMW NEWS

2018 Dates to get on your calendars now!

- Feb. 11th - 2:00-4:00 p.m. **Valentine Tea**, for everyone! Vintage Strings Concert at 4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 24th - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., **Annual Women's Spiritual Growth Retreat** with Ruth Jones.
- **District Valentine Tea** will be Sat., Feb. 10th, TBA.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshipping at Home

Wilma Blackman Don Felisky Candy & Dale Kohagan Dee Pohl Beverly Wangberg

Prayers

Bill Arends - friend of Partlo's/liver cancer
Jim Baker - Hospice care
Joe Beckwith - friend of Pat Heitman/in need of liver transplant
Greg Dunham - excruciating back pain
AJ Eifler - Woodland Hospice

Tom Gordon - feeding tube removal on Wednesday
Deb Miller - health issues
Ray Recker - father of Randy Recker/open heart surgery recovery
Nancy Rivard - former organist/broken hip

Note: Names listed in *italics* are new on the prayer list.

Extended Illness and Treatment

Larry Abbott - friend of David Kelley/brain cancer recovery
 Sidney Benaske - friend of Norma Kreiner/bladder cancer
 Hannah Boley - continued progress after 1 year
 Carol Brannan - continued treatment & recovery
 Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/
 stage 4 liver cancer
 Brother of Linda Traum - continuing health issues
 Caren - sister-in-law of Janet Cummings/surgery recovery
 Marvin Chudej & family - dealing with cancer
 George Clapp - friend of Sandy Schrock/health issues
 Gary Conant - continued healing
 Connie Jo - sister-in-law of Bill Zehnder/cancer recurrence
 Ruth Cranz - recovery at home
 Daughter-in-law of Jane Butcher/cancer diagnosis
 Mariano DeLaOssa - son-in-law of Fred & Barbara Stabley/
 undergoing cancer treatment
 Joan Doherty - sister of Shirley Rosan/cancer
 Darlene Finch - friend of Debbie Lawrence/health concerns
 Tura Foster - daughter of Dave & Mercia Foster/health
 issue
 Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/cancer
 treatment
 Pam Gray - continued healing
 Natalie Gurley - sister-in-law of Linda Traum/breast
 cancer treatment
 Betty Hammond - at Medical Care Facility/new health
 issues
 Jerry Headding - brother of Nancy Lewis/blood clots in
 lung & leg
 Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/discontinuing
 cancer treatment
 High School friend of John Skinner/early onset Alzheimers
 Rollie Hill - brother-in-law of Dave & Sharon McDonald/
 continuing health concerns
 Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy Hetherington/cancer
 recurrence & brain surgery recovery

George Jennings - continued recovery at home
 Cheryl Jose - daughter of Art Homan/continued cancer
 treatment
 Karen - friend of Holly Bartolo/pancreatic cancer
 Terri Kelly - from Debbie Lawrence/back surgery recovery
 Mary Kleinhans - continued eye surgery recovery
 Bart Kjolhede - knee replacement recovery
 Alex Kreth - brother of Melinda Kreth/healing
 Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
 Leah - from Marianne Smith/chronic heart condition
 LQuinn - friend of Ralph Pitts/cancer treatment
 Joellyn Malmquist - from Rose Benjamin/ALS
 Nancy Marshall - surgery recovery
 Marlene - friend of Cheri & Randy Recker/cancer
 treatment
 Everett McNally - friend of Barry & Sherry Trombly/cancer
 treatment
 Wayne Lawrence - continued health issues
 Bob Massongill - cousin of Dave McDonald/continued
 cancer treatment
 Sheila Parsons - battling cancer
 Stacey - friend of Marianne Smith/cancer treatments
 Rob - cousin of Deb Skinner/cancer treatment continued
 success
 Jim Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/continued
 radiation treatment once a month
 Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/cancer
 treatment complications with heart condition
 Gloria Thorin - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/surgery
 recovery
 Clela Underwood - broken foot
 Mindy VanAlstine - chemo treatments for lung cancer
 Marilyn Walton - mom of Lisa & Jeff Crawford's friend/
 open heart surgery recovery.

Family Members Serving in the Military

Sgt. J. D. DeLaOssa - grandson of Fred & Barbara Stabley has returned safely from Syria.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cort Collins - grandson of Carla Starr/will depart for Basic Training in Great Lakes, IL on 12/27/2017.

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

11/26/17	9:00 am	110	36
	11:00 am	<u>41</u>	<u>29</u>
		151	65

Loose coin offering Salvation Army for November
 was \$200.00.

WORSHIP SERVICES CAN BE SEEN ON CHANNEL 191

Traditional Worship Service: Tuesday - 7:00 pm,

Wednesday - 2:50 pm, & Saturday - 6:30 pm

Contemporary Worship Service:

Wednesday - 6:00 am, Friday - 6:30 pm & Sunday - 7:00 pm

Worship Services from the previous week can also be seen on CHANNEL

187 on Sunday only: Traditional Service at 9:00 am

& Contemporary Service at 11:00 am

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