

Welcome

April 1

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 April will be donated to Camp New Day.


This year's **Easter Offering** will go toward fulfilling our covenants with the Grove's and Smallwood's. Special Easter offering envelopes are inserted in your bulletins or your giving envelopes may be used.

Adult Bible Study - No class today. See you next Sunday.

Adult Sunday School - No class today. See you next Sunday.

Heartland District invites you to join them in **Celebrating and Honoring Melanie Zalewski** next Sunday, April 8, at Shepherd UMC, with an Open House from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Melanie has served with the Heartland District since 2011 as the Executive Assistant. We will honor Melanie in a specific and communal way at 4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Keep Making Peace event - Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at University UMC (1120 South Harrison Road, East Lansing). Register at msuwesley.org/kmp2018 or pay at the event. Early-Bird Registration (includes lunch), is \$30 per person or \$75 per carload of 3 or more.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY  **2018 Adopt-a-Highway Program** - our first pick-up date is April 21, the day before Earth Day. This is a perfect time to get out and contribute to keeping our environment clean and beautiful. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and accompanied by an adult. Volunteers 12-17 can work in groups of three with an adult volunteer. We are hoping that more young people will take this opportunity to participate in an Earth Day activity. Plan to meet at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 at 3046 Jen's Way (directly across from Green Acres). Remember to wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves! Sign up on SignUpGenius or call Nancy Priestap at 772-5541 if you have any questions.

Save The Date - Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Midland First UMC, District 3 will meet to elect leadership, begin choosing our name, etc. As of July 1, the Heartland District will no longer exist. To register go to forms.michiganumc.org/2018/03/02/3-conference-registration/ no later than April 13.

What is Stewardship?

In the church there are several answers to this question. Largely, when we think of stewardship we think of our responsibility to care for something entrusted to us. When we think of caring for the church we think of supporting it financially as well as giving our time and energy to caring for its people, its facilities, grounds, and its ministries. What we have to give, we believe, came to us as a gift from God. We may have earned the money, but the heart, soul, mind and strength was first God's gift to us that enabled us to do the work. What we give of that is our gift back to God for the purposes of building up God's kingdom here on earth. When we care for the earth, we are stewards of God's good creation.

Birthday greetings to Betty Wolters who turned 90 on Saturday, March 31.

UMW NEWS

May Baskets - Starting next Sunday, April 8th the UMW will be taking orders for May Baskets. These handcrafted baskets raise funds for mission work and cost \$5 each. The baskets will be filled with an assortment of treats (options are available) and will be ready in time for May Day, Tuesday, May 1st. We will deliver baskets in town or you can deliver them yourself. Order one for your mentor, sweetheart, friend, workmate, mail carrier or child's teacher.



Hearts and Flowers Spring Tea - The United Methodist Women of First UMC cordially invites ALL the women and men of our congregation to attend the Hearts and Flowers Spring Tea on Sunday, April 15 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Special Prayers This Week

Worshiping at Home

Don Felisky Mary Kleinhans Candy & Dale Kohagan Dee Pohl Beverly Wangberg

Prayers

Alissa - daughter of Jan Shaffer/decision about her future
Bill Donahue - father of Lisa Sheffert/recovering at Medical Care
Family and friends of Jerry Frank/friend of Sue Rummel
Family and friends of Don Freuh/friend of Sue Rummel
Pam Gray - recovering at Medical Care

Don Johnson - recovering at Medical Care
Paula Johnson - recovering from influenza
Family and friends of Joellyn Malmquist
Barry Trombly - knee replacement surgery continued recovery
Jean Whipple - friend of Lorraine Helminski/health issues

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

Extended Illness and Treatment

Loren Anderson - continued heart surgery recovery
 Bill Arends - friend of Partlo's/liver cancer
 Joe Beckwith - friend of Pat Heitman/liver transplant recovery
 Sidney Benaske - friend of Norma Kreiner/bladder cancer
 Carol Brannan - continued recovery
 Mary Bushey - sister-in-law of Denise Anderson/stage 4 liver cancer
 Lila Childs - mother of Dianne Young/heart issues
 Marvin Chudej & family - dealing with cancer
 Connie Jo - sister-in-law of Bill Zehnder/cancer recurrence
 Ruth Cranz - at Maplewood
 Jim Crawford - cousin of Jeff Crawford/succumbing to cancer
 Dave - brother-in-law of Jan Shaffer/back surgery recovery
 Mariano DeLaOssa - son-in-law of Fred & Barbara Stabley/beginning long healing process after treatments
 Dorothy Dennis - friend of Ralph Pitts/recently diagnosed with ALS
 Darlene Finch - friend of Debbie Lawrence/health concerns
 Debra Fountain - friend of Randy Hetherington/continued cancer treatment
 Margaret (Cole) Gaw - friend of Norma Kreiner/lung cancer
 Sarah Gilbert - friend of Deb Skinner/continued treatments
 Natalie Gurley - sister-in-law of Linda Traum/breast cancer treatment
 Caesar Hernandez - friend of Janice Tomasik/discontinuing cancer treatment
 Connor - grandson of Jack Harris/continued healing
 Friend of Jane Butcher/cancer treatment
 High School friend of John Skinner/Alzheimers diagnosis
 Rollie Hill - brother-in-law of Dave & Sharon McDonald/continuing health concerns

Richard Holland - friend of Herb & Janet Rice/continued health issues
 Gerri Huntoon - Jeff Crawford's aunt/health issues
 Glenn - from Nancy Lewis/health issues
 Jennifer - sister-in-law of Randy Hetherington/continued cancer treatments
 Cheryl Jose - daughter of Art Homan/continued cancer treatment
 Joyce - mother-in-law of Lura Way/health issues & testing
 Karen - friend of Holly Bartolo/pancreatic cancer
 Terri Kelly - from Debbie Lawrence/back surgery recovery
 Alex Kreth - brother of Melinda Kreth/healing
 Kim - friend of Jane Martin/heart problems
 Wayne Lawrence - continued health issues
 Leah - from Marrienne Smith/chronic heart condition
 Pastor Donald Lichtenfelt - from Linda Smith/health issues
 Bob Lippert - friend of Don & Paula Johnson/health issues
 LQuinn - friend of Ralph Pitts/cancer treatment
 Marlene - friend of Cheri & Randy Recker/complications from cancer treatments
 Everett McNally - friend of Barry & Sherry Trombly/cancer treatment
 Michelle - friend of Amy Heminger/4th chemo treatment
 Mike - from Amy Kingsworthy/cancer
 Millie - neighbor of Linda Doerr/health issues
 Chrissy Nothstine - daughter-in-law of Tom & Marja/pregnancy difficulties
 Owen - 3 month old recovering from heart surgery
 Rob - cousin of Deb Skinner/cancer treatment continued success
 Lois Sandbrook - sister of Janet Rice/health issues
 Bernard Smith - husband of Joann Smith/health issues
 Stacey - friend of Marrienne Smith/cancer treatments
 Julene Terrill - cousin of Sharon McDonald/daily radiation treatments
 Mindy VanAlstine - continued healing

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



Worship Attendance

Periscope Viewers

3/25/18	9:00 am	133	68
	11:00 am	<u>33</u>	<u>13</u>
		166	81

Loose coin offering to AIM for February
was \$144.50.

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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