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**SPECIAL POINTS OF  
INTEREST**

- Kids Food Basket

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# The Lamplighter

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## Pastor's Pondering

LET US WALK IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.

The prophet Isaiah said to his generation:

"O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!" — Isaiah 2:5 NRSV.

Jesus came to bring light — spiritual illumination to the world. The Gospel of John puts it this way: "...in him was life, and the life was the light of all people." (John 1:4 NRSV).

It is great to have information. But, it is even better to use that information in a way that benefits us.

That is why the prophet Isaiah exhorted the people to "walk in the light of the LORD." They were to take what they knew of God's will and purpose — and to use it in ordering their life. They knew something of the moral teachings of the Lord, they also knew something of God's character, of God's will, of God's purpose for Israel and the world. That kind of knowledge is wonderful. But, the prophet was concerned that this knowledge be implemented in life.

We live in a more wonderful time than did the prophet Isaiah. We have also the light of Christ. We have the Scriptures — readily available — to impart the knowledge of Christ to us. So, it is even that much more important for us to also learn to live in that light. There is so much benefit to us — and to the world — when we truly walk in the light of Christ. The apostle John says: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." (1 John 1:7 NIV).

This theme is going to be the heart of my messages this winter — in the post-Christmas season traditionally called Epiphany — learning to walk in the light.

Christ has come as a source of spiritual illumination for us and for the world. May the Holy Spirit inspire us to also live as He taught us we could!

Pastor Craig L. Adams

# January 2019

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

		<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>2</i> <i>No Silver Seniors</i>	<i>3</i> <i>6:30 pm Yarn w/ purpose</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i> <i>5:30 pm Trustees</i>	<i>9</i> <i>6:00 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</i>	<i>10</i> <i>6:30 pm Yarn w/ purpose</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	<i>16</i> <i>6:00 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</i>	<i>17</i> <i>6:30 pm Yarn w/ purpose</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> <i>7:00 pm Admin Team</i>	<i>22</i> <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	<i>23</i> <i>6:00 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</i>	<i>24</i> <i>6:30 pm Yarn w/ purpose</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	<i>30</i> <i>6:00 pm Bell Choir</i> <i>7:00 pm Men's Bible Study</i>	<i>31</i> <i>6:30 pm Yarn w/ purpose</i>		

# Northlawn United Methodist Church 2019 Leadership Team

## Administrative Team

Chairperson.....	Phil VanHammen
Finance Chair.....	Diane Ludwig
SPRC Co-Chairs.....	Judy VanLente/Sally Wesorick
Hospitality & Outreach Chair .....	Marti VanHorn
Trustee Chair .....	Sharron Myler
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	
Women of Northlawn President.....	Ruth VanValkenburg
Worship Team .....	Jan Jager
Faith Development Chair .....	TBD
Congregational Care .....	John Secord
Member @ Large.....	Alan Claybaugh

## CHURCH CALENDAR

ALL MINISTRY LEADERS...In order to ensure clear and concise communication, please make sure all meetings/ events are on the calendar in the office.

## Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for The Lamplighter Newsletter is the 17th of the previous month. All articles must be received by this date or they may not be included. You may email your articles to Sharon@northlawnumc.org or leave them in her mail slot.

Thank you.

## Help Earn Money for the Church!

If you use the internet for any type of search, you can use GoodSearch and a donation will be made to the church for every search and purchase you make over the internet. All proceeds go toward the mortgage principle. Here's all you need to do: Go to

[goodserarch.com/nonprofit/Northlawn-united-Methodist.aspx](http://goodserarch.com/nonprofit/Northlawn-united-Methodist.aspx). Click REGISTER NOW and begin raising money for Northlawn every time you search, or shop on line!



## Food Needs at NECM

- Canned Meats
- Canned Soups
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Bagged/canned lentils
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits
- Instant Jello or Pudding
- Salad Dressings
- Ramen Noodles
- Instant Powdered Milk
- Peanut Butter
- Snack Items: Granola Bars, Crackers, Chips, etc.
- Desserts-Baking Mixes: Cake, Brownies, Cookies
- Boxed Mac & Cheese
- Whole Grain Pasta
- Tomato Sauce
- Fruit Juice
- Cereal
- Condiments
- Personal Care Items
- Whole grains (rice, quinoa, rolled oats, snack bars, etc.)
- Beans
- Raw nuts, dried fruits

## Personal Care Needs at NECM

- |              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Toothpaste   | Deodorant         |
| Shampoo      | Laundry Detergent |
| Toothbrushes | Bar Soap          |

Dear Friends of NECM:

On behalf of our clients, staff, volunteers, and board members, I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your generous donation to benefit our ministry.

We are constantly reminded that, without the generosity and ongoing commitment from individuals, our supporting churches, schools, and other organizations, we would be unable to continue to remain a beacon of hope for many in the northeast community. Again, thank you for your support of our ministry!

In Christ

Laura L. Castle/Executive Director

19 bags and 1 box of food were given by Northlawn

# JANUARY VOLUNTEER LIST

## Liturgists

- 6 David Lightfoot
- 13 Emmanuel Joshua
- 20 Hilda Russell
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_

## Greeters

- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_

## Connection Corner

If you would like to serve at Connection Corner, please sign up at Connection Corner.

## Coffee Fellowship

- 6 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Doris Black
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 \_\_\_\_\_

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Fred TenHoor
- 8 Dave Hamilton
- 9 Art Wright
- 10 Linda Hamilton
- 13 Bill Black
- 22 Kelli Hamilton
- 24 Sharon Yen
- 27 Jerry Lachniet
- 28 Tammy Diebold
- 31 Wanda Tahaney

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Lynn & Karen Herman
- 29 John & Dawne Ball

“Each day is a gift from God.”

# Keep These People in Your Prayers

- Bishop David A. Bard
- G.R. District Superintendent,
- Rev. Craig L. Adams
- Pastor Tim & Paula
- Pastor Jan
- Marcia Loveless
- RuthAnn Buschert
- Sharon Longstreth & Family
- Dee Roberts

- Theresa Gorter-Hoff
- Wanda Tahaney
- Ed Cavanaugh
- Dorothy Spaulding
- Linda Meinke

“Nothing is too great, and nothing is too small to commit into the hands of the Lord.”

--A.W. Pink

## **THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION.**

Robin and I want to express our thanks and appreciation to the congregation of the Northlawn United Methodist Church for the very generous —and very unexpected — Christmas gift that we received from all of you on Sunday, December 23. We appreciate the gift itself, but we also appreciate the expression of thanks that it represents. We have appreciated your many kind words of support during the time we have been serving and worshipping with you. And, we want you to know that we appreciate the many ways the people of this church serve the Lord and minister to others. We are thankful to be in the midst of such a mission-minded and service-oriented community of faith. You are a blessing to us in more ways than we can say.

Pastor Craig & Robin.

## **SILVER SENIORS**

There will not be a Silver Seniors lunch in January. Watch for news on when we will meet again.

## **THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU**

Our Northlawn family has come through again, providing Christmas baskets for households in need. Thank you to each person who participated by donating, delivering, and praying for those who received what they needed to make their Christmas celebration truly a blessing.

## **VOLUNTEER AT KIDS FOOD BASKET**

**2055 Oak Industrial Drive NE (from Maryland or Plymouth)**

**Sunday, February 10 and/or Sunday, February 24**

**For one hour - 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

Kids Food Basket (KFB) is committed to providing healthy, tasty, and cost effective evening meals, or “sack suppers” to greater Grand Rapids children who are food insecure. KFB uses 165 volunteers every day to make almost 6,000 sack suppers given to kids at 34 different schools so that no kid goes to bed hungry.

Sign up at the Connection Corner and join us to help make sandwiches or prep food for packed meals. You'll help ensure that children in our community do not go to bed hungry...you will have fun, you will be blessed, and get to know some of your Northlawn friends or acquaintances a little better.

If you have any questions, or want to carpool, contact Lee Grey, 361-9459 or 616-633-5779, or Sally Wesorick, 616-443-2528.

Pastor Craig will be available on Mondays at Lucy's Café, 1747 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI - 49505. He will be doing sermon planning and preparation but invites anyone who wants to stop by and get acquainted, to do so. He will be there from 7:30 am 'til around 11:00 am.

**Northlawn is still collecting pop tabs, school box-tops labels and Campbell soup labels** (we need the UPC code). A box is provided next to the Connection Corner.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

At the church

Led by Pastor Craig

The study is the Gospel of Mark

## **Bell Choir**

We are still in need of bell players, so if you think you might be interested, please come and find out what it's all about. It's relatively easy to learn how to play bells and you will be given instructions. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there. Questions, call Sharon Sumner at 635-0441 or email her at ssumner61@gmail.com.

## **Did you Know?**

Barring technical difficulties, a video of each worship service is now available on Northlawn's Facebook page, and a link to the sermon video is included on the weekly Nugget. Thank you, Patrick Black, for making this happen!

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Tuesday morning Bible Study started a new study on Tuesday, November 27, entitled "Image of Christ." We have the image of Jesus as "The Good Shepherd" for a very good reason. He called himself the good shepherd. He invited us to think of him that way. Jesus used other word-pictures for himself, such as the "light of the world," the "bread of life" and the "true vine." We meet from 10:00-11:00 am on Tuesdays. Call or see Betty Beck to get a study booklet. Her phone number is 446-1973.

## **THANK YOU!**

Dear Northlawn UMC,

Thank you so much for supporting the North(East) Pole Christmas Store by collecting toys and money. This year we were able to help over 1,000 children have a brighter Christmas. We appreciate your helping in these efforts and helping families in need on the Northeast side.

Blessings,

Michelle Hatfield

St. Alphonsus

## **THANK YOU!**

Dear Northlawn Family,

Thank you for all the plants and cards I have received from you. They have been a joy to receive.

Dee Roberts



# Thank You



Grand Rapids  
Fire Prevention Bureau  
*North Battalion C Shift*

*Thank you very much for the awesome dinner you so generously provided on Christmas Eve! Your act of kindness was much appreciated on what is generally a busy night for our firefighters. Merry Christmas*

*C. Kelly Battalion C*

*Curtis Walsk Rescue 5*

*Rick Clark R-5*

*Mike Johnson R-5*

*Dan Post E-7*

*Dawn Meyer E-4*

*Josh Vecivand E-9*

*Joel McDevitt L*

*Travis Gued L-2*

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

A hearty welcome to Andy and Kathy Belew and Roger and Colleen Moerdyke who became official members of Northlawn on December 9, 2018. We are so happy to have you with us.

## **THE BOYZ ARE BACK....**

Friday night dinners are back beginning the last Friday of January. Come and enjoy good fellowship and good food. More details to come.

**Check out Northlawn's Facebook page.** This is the link: [NorthlawnUMC](#). Facebook is an easy and effective way to get the word out to a lot of people. Please "like" and "share" it with your friends.

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*MISSION* - Why We Are Here:  
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the world.

