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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Monthly Friday evening dinner

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The Lamplighter

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*"Walking in the light means being invited into
the life of perfect love."*

Pastor's Pondering

VARIETIES OF LEADERS.

The apostle Paul writes this to the Church in Corinth:

"What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe — as the Lord has assigned to each his task. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building." — 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 NIV.

What had happened in the Corinthian church is this: People had begun to identify themselves with certain leaders in the Church. Some said they were followers of Peter, Some said they were followers of Apollos. Some said they were followers of Paul.

But, Paul didn't want this! he was not flattered in any way that some people in the Corinthian church considered themselves his followers. No. Paul sought to glorify Christ in his ministry, and no one else.

That is one sign of a true leader in the Christian church — they seek to glorify Christ and not themselves. The best a leader, or a pastor, or a preacher can do is draw our attention to Jesus — to his life, his message, his example, his faithfulness. God's grace and salvation come into our lives through Jesus.

God gives growth to the church — and God alone.

So, what of Peter and Paul and Apollos? They were servants of God. They were witnesses to the truth in Christ. They each had their own particular gifts and talents. They each had their own style of doing things. Some win first time disciples. Some teach. Some encourage.

Be thankful for the variety of leaders God sends to the Church — each with their own special gifting, their own special talents, their won special callings — one plants, another waters, but God gives the growth.

While I have enjoyed this year spent among the people of the Northlawn United Methodist Church, I believe God has great things ahead for the church. New leadership will bring new and unexpected direction to the church — as it always does. But, as we seek to glorify Christ, God gives the growth!

Pastor Craig L. Adams

March 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3	4	5 <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	6 <i>Noon Silver Seniors Lunch Ash Wednesday</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	11 <i>6:30 pm WON Circle</i>	12 <i>10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Trustees</i>	13 <i>6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Men's Bible</i>	14 <i>6:00 pm SPRC</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>7:00 pm Admin Team</i>	19 <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	20 <i>6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Men's Bible</i>	21 <i>6:00 pm Finance Team</i>	22 <i>Wedding Rehearsal</i>	23 <i>Alisha Gates Wedding & Reception</i>
24	25	26 <i>10:00 am Bible Study</i>	27 <i>6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm Men's Bible</i>	28	29	30
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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.

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.

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@northlawnnumc.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. 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 Pantry

Clients can receive personal care products once a month from NECM when they shop for food.

Items that they can possibly receive:

toothpaste
 toothbrushes
 bar soap
 shaving cream & shavers
 deodorant
 laundry soap (when available)
 shampoo/conditioner
 lotion
 feminine products (when available)

MARCH VOLUNTEER LIST

Liturgists

- 3 Needed
- 10 Carla Eckley
- 17 Needed
- 24 Needed
- 31 David Lightfoot

Coffee Fellowship

- 3 Longstreths
- 10 Marilyn Lindberry
- 17 Blacks

- 24 Wanda Skutt
- 31 Yen Family

Greeters

- 3 Needed
- 10 Needed
- 17 Needed
- 24 Needed
- 31 Needed

Connection Corner

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Eric Peterson
- 7 Joshua Hamilton
- 16 Joseph Black
- 26 Jan Bertoia
- 26 Pat Whyatt
- 27 Betty Beck
- 27 Mary Black
- 29 Vivian Lyndskow
- 30 Sharon Hopkins
- 30 RuthAnn Buschert

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jerry & Jane Lachniet
- 16 Greg & Char Weidenfeller
- 17 John & Sharon Applegarth
- 25 Lyle & Roberta Brockway

“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
- Sandy Huartson & Family
- Sharon Sumner & Family

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

--A.W. Pink

SILVER SENIORS

It's time to meet again for lunch.

Come join us on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 at NOON in Fellowship Hall.

Friends and family are always welcome.

Sign up at Connection Corner.

Questions? Call Lee Grey at 341-8458

*"Almighty God of truth and love,
To me Thy pow'r impart;
The mountain from my soul remove,
The hardness from my heart."*

(This is from an old hymn called "I Want a Principle Within" which is still in the United Methodist Hymnal, page #410) Pastor Craig mentioned it in his sermon on February 24th.)

Lenten Invitation from Second Congregational United Church of Christ

Please join us for the 2019 WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LENTEN SERIES
"Opening Our Lives to God"

Tuesday mornings - 10:00 am - Chapel
Second Congregational UCC
525 Cheshire NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

March 12 - Ms. Gail Campbell

March 19 - Pastor Dawn Scott Damon
Tribes Church

March 26 - Linda Cunningham
Operation Stork

April 2 - Pastor Karen Ingebretson
Thornapple Covenant Church

April 9 - Judy Wevers Bode

April 16 - White Breakfast
Ms. Kim Murphy, Heron Manor

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.

Monthly Friday Evening Dinner
March 29th
6-7:00 pm

Menu: Swiss Steak, compressed potatoes, corn, salad, etc.
Bring your family, neighbors, friends, etc. All are welcome. Come and enjoy good fellowship and delicious food.

Men's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

At the church

Led by Pastor Craig

The study is the Gospel of Mark

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 will start a new study on Tuesday, March 5 entitled "Questions God Asks." We meet from 10:00-11:00 am on Tuesdays. Call or see Betty Beck to get a study booklet. Her phone number is 616-446-1973.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Pastor Craig began a membership class on Sunday, February 24th. It is held in the sanctuary following worship and will run for 6 weeks or so. The class is also for those who want a "refresher course." We will talk about the history of the church.

HOME PLATE 2019

A Pre-Game Program with the Detroit Tigers of Comerica Park

DATE: Saturday, June 8

TIME: 12:30 PM Program and 4:10 PM Game

Players from the Tigers and Twins like **Matt Boyd, Daniel Norris, Michael Fulmer, Jeimer Candelario, Christen Stewart, Buck Farmer, Spencer Turnbull, Niko Goodrum, and Frank Tanana** will share about their careers in sports and faith in Jesus Christ.

A \$34.00 ticket includes: game ticket, program, food coupon, and souvenirs. Includes an **On-The-Field Baseball Clinic** sponsored by the Detroit Tigers.

Please visit our **updated website** for event information, promo materials, ordering details, referrals, photos, etc. **ACCEPTING ORDERS NOW.**

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.

February 27, 2019

Dear Members and Friends of Northlawn UMC,

During the worship service on Sunday, February 24, we announced that Bishop David A. Bard has appointed Zack McNeese to serve as pastor at Northlawn UMC starting this July 2019.

Zach is coming from Valley Church in Allendale, where he has served for 4.5 years, and will continue part-time, as Valley's Associate in addition to serving as Northlawn's half-time Pastor. Zach has served in Youth and College Ministry for twelve years, at Countryside and First UMC in Mount Pleasant, MI, and also as the Heartland District Youth Coordinator. Zach has theological education through the United Methodist Local Pastor Licensing Process.

Zach is originally from Battle Creek. He studied at Central Michigan University where he reconnected with and married his wife Sarah (they first met at church camp). Sarah is a Licensed Counselor and they will have been married six years in May. Zach and Sarah plan to live in the church parsonage.

Some things Zach enjoys are: watching most sports, especially his Michigan Wolverines, playing volleyball, listening to and playing music (on bass, ukulele, or acoustic guitar), and spending time at home with his wife and dog-like cat, Delilah.

Sarah and Zach are both excited about connecting in ministry and community at Northlawn and feel incredibly blessed to serve God in Northeast Grand Rapids and to the ends of the earth! They look forward to meeting you!

In Christ's Service,

Judy VanLente & Sally Wesorick

Staff Parish Relations Committee Co-chairs

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MISSION - Why We Are Here:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

