WELCOME

LaPorte United Methodist Church 2071 Grafton Rd., Elyria, OH 44035

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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Next Week's Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:13-18; I Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51



Week of January 7 thru January 14, 2024

Today, January 7 - Communion

8:00am Men's Study 8:00am to 10:45am Coffee Hour

9:30am Adult Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages

9:30am Youth Discipleship 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Service

12:00pm Faith & Fellowship Tureen Lunch

3:00pm *MYF*

Monday, January 8

5:00pm *6:18 Prayer Service*

7:00pm Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

6:30pm Pickleball

<u>Wednesday, January 10</u>

9:30am Ladies' Bible Study 12:00pm Fellowship Activity

<u>Friday, January 12</u>

7:30pm *AA*

Saturday, January 13

10:00am Pickleball

Sunday, January 14 - Human Relations Day

8:00am Men's Study 8:00am to 10:45am Coffee Hour

9:30am Adult Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages

9:30am Youth Discipleship 10:15am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Service



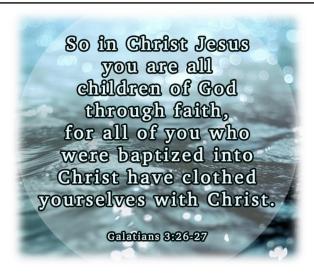
OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

This week's memory verse:

Trust in the Lord with your whole heart and lean not on your own understanding.

Proverbs 3:5



Dear Friends, Vickie and I would like to thank you for all the cards, gifts, and treats during the Christmas season. They were greatly appreciated and enjoyed!

~ Pastor William

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP TUREEN LUNCH

Today following Morning Worship Everyone is invited to attend!

MISSION COMMITTEE MEETING

Tomorrow at 7:00pm

We will be meeting to discuss events for the coming year. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, see Cheryl Smith.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY

Wednesday, January 10 at 12:00pm

Join us for lunch. Afterwards, we will be watching *The Chosen* Season 3.

Sunday, January 7, 2024 Baptism of the Lord

GATHERING Preparing ourselves for worship (Please stand at the *)

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. William Baker

PRELUDE Andante, Beethoven

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, God...

Many: Swept over waters, spoke light into existence, created day and night,

and called it good.

One: As the days and nights of creation filled with life, God...

Many: Made humanity out of the dirt to love and tend creation, to be loved and

tended by God.

One: As we lost our way, God...

Many: Sent Jesus, Love Incarnate, to show us the way back.

One: On the day Jesus came to the banks of the Jordan River to be baptized,

God...

Many: Declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with You, I am well pleased."

One: Let us, then, follow Jesus into the waters, remembering our baptism in which

God...

Many: Claims us as beloved children, the family of God.

*GREET & WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBORS

*HYMN All Creatures of Our God and King #62 UMH, vv. 1-3, 7

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM READING Psalm 29 (Responsive Reading)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

HYMN Jesus Loves the Little Children

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #64 UMH, vv. 1-4

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #95 UMH

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*GLORIA PATRI #70 UMH

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:4-11

MESSAGE Not Just a Rip and a Dip

COMMUNION #12 UMH

MORNING PRAYER

*HYMN We Gather Together #131 UMH, vv. 1-4

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN Let There Be Peace on Earth #431 UMH

POSTLUDE Joy to the World, Gilbert Martin



Long Term Prayer Concerns

Ed Brisbin
Denise Burkey
Paula Dempsey
Adam Greenly
Kent Gibbs
Jane & Harry
Herrmann
Jeff & Sheila

Susan Myers Jeanne Oplinger Jim & Sherry Rimstidt Ray Stevens Carol Wilson

Bill Messaros

Johnson

January Birthdays

1: Harold Smith

2: Victoria Jackson

6: Jess Polak

21: Thomas Smith

22: Susan Taylor

25: Alecia Hess

28: Bonnie Wallace



Liturgist: Beth Weill Ushers: Renee Bush, Debbie Turner, Debbie Warden & Sheree Vaida

Staff

Pastor: Rev. William Baker
Organist: Marilyn Irwin
Secretary: Beth Feliciano
Youth Director: Rachel Kisilewicz
Custodian: Donna Smith

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering: \$1,747.00 YTD Collected: \$184,375.21 YTD Weekly Avg.: \$3,478.78 Proj. Yr.-End Repts: \$184,375.21 2023 Budget: \$205,476.00 % of Budget Collected: 89.7% Proj. Yr.-End % of Bdgt: 89.7%

Attendance

December 10, 2023: 96 December 17, 2023: 108 December 24, 2023: 86 December 31, 2024: 77