

WELCOME



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

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

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

This week’s memory verse:

Trust in the Lord with your whole heart and lean not on your own understanding.
Proverbs 3:5



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*

Wednesday, January 10

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

Friday, January 12

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*



**So in Christ Jesus
you are all
children of God
through faith,
for all of you who
were baptized into
Christ have clothed
yourselves with Christ.**

Galatians 3:26-27

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, 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	Bill Messaros
Denise Burkey	Susan Myers
Paula Dempsey	Jeanne Oplinger
Adam Greenly	Jim & Sherry
Kent Gibbs	Rimstidt
Jane & Harry	Ray Stevens
Herrmann	Carol Wilson
Jeff & Sheila	
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 Vajda

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 Rcpts:	\$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