

WELCOME



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

Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Office Hours: Mon - Thurs: 9:00am - 2:00pm; Friday: 9:00am - Noon

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

Next Week's Scriptures: Genesis 22,
Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

This week's memory verse:

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians 6:16



Week of February 18 thru February 25, 2024

Today, February 18

8:00am	<i>Men's Study</i>
8:00am to 10:45am	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
9:30am	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>Sunday School for all ages</i>
9:30am	<i>Youth Discipleship</i>
10:15am	<i>Choir Practice</i>
11:00am	<i>Worship Service</i>
3:00pm	<i>MYF</i>

Monday, February 19

5:00pm	<i>6:18 Prayer Service</i>
7:00pm	<i>Prayer Shawl</i>

Tuesday, February 20

6:30pm	<i>Pickleball</i>
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Wednesday, February 21

9:30am	<i>Ladies' Bible Study</i>
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Friday, February 23

7:30pm	<i>AA</i>
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Saturday, February 24

10:00am	<i>Pickleball</i>
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Sunday, February 25

8:30am to 10:00am	<i>Community Breakfast</i>
9:30am	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
	<i>Sunday School for all ages</i>
9:30am	<i>Youth Discipleship</i>
10:15am	<i>Choir Practice</i>
11:00am	<i>Worship Service</i>

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 25, at 8:30am

Invite a friend for breakfast and stay for church!

CHANGE FOR CHANGE

The children will be collecting for Change for Change next Sunday, February 25. February's collection will go to Love, Inc.

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP TUREEN LUNCH

Sunday, March 3, at 12:00pm

Everyone is invited to attend! Bring a dish to share and your own table service.

JAMES KILBANE CONCERT

Friday, March 15

Invite your friends and family to an Irish night of song and folk with James Kilbane. Doors open at 6:00pm, with the concert beginning at 7:00pm. There is a requested \$15.00 donation.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2024

The flower sign-up is on the bulletin board in the Narthax for altar flowers. If you would like to provide altar flowers for a special occasion or no reason at all, please sign up!

Sunday, February 18, 2024
First Sunday in Lent

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

WELCOMING & GREETINGS Rev. William Baker

***GREET & WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBORS**

***HYMN** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* #328 UMH

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. William Baker

PRELUDE *Allegretto, F. J. Haydn*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The symbol of the cross draws us into the presence of God where we receive the gift of salvation in atonement for our sins.

Many: The shame of the cross has become our glory because Jesus our Lord died for us.

One: Christ is the victorious Son of God, who conquered temptation and strengthens us to live a victorious life.

Many: We trust in our crucified Lord to give us victory over the power of sin!

***HYMN** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #452 UMH, vv. 1-4

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM READING Psalm 25:1-10 (Responsive Reading)

CHOIR *Walk Worthy, Joseph Martin*

COMMUNITY MOMENT

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 9:8-17

HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* #420 UMH, vv. 1-4

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GLORIA PATRI** #70 UMH

***NEW TESTAMENT READING** 1 Peter 3:18-22

MESSAGE *God's Promises to Noah*

APOSTLES' CREED #881 UMH

MORNING PRAYERS

***HYMN** *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* #430 UMH, vv. 1-4

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* #431 UMH

POSTLUDE *Classical Postlude, F. J. Haydn*

Prayer Concerns

Olivia Baker
Jackie Miller
Ken Goetz

Long Term Prayer Concerns

Ed Brisbin	Jeff & Sheila
Denise Burkey	Johnson
Shelly Clements	Bill Messaros
Paula Dempsey	Susan Myers
Adam Greenly	Jeanne Oplinger
Kent Gibbs	Jim & Sherry
Jane & Harry	Rimstidt
Herrmann	Ray Stevens
	Carol Wilson

February Birthdays

4: Charles Bruce
6: Wilma Reck
11: Debra Warden
12: Alexa Atkinson
13: Sheree Vajda
17: Madeline Babel
21: Matthew Smith
23: Jane Herrmann & Daniel Rich
27: Carrie Atkinson
28: Nancy Reed
29: Cindy Smith



Liturgist: Claudia Baker

Ushers: Joe & Mary Saylor and
Dave & Sue Van Arsdale

Staff

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

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering:	\$3,936.00
YTD Collected:	\$20,309.00
YTD Weekly Avg.:	\$3,384.83
Proj. Yr.-End Rcpts:	\$176,011.33
2024 Budget:	\$213,895.00
% of Budget Collected:	9.5%
Proj. Yr.-End % of Bdgt:	82.3%

Attendance

January 21, 2024:	71
January 28, 2024:	74
February 4, 2024:	85
February 11, 2024:	86