

WELCOME



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

Sunday, March 17, 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: Isaiah 50:4-9, Psalm 22 & John 12:12-16

This week’s memory verse:

To those who are open to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But to those who are not listening, even what they have will be taken away from them.

Mark 4:25



Week of March 17 thru March 24, 2024

Today, March 17

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, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

6:30pm	<i>Pickleball</i>
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Wednesday, March 20

9:30am	<i>Ladies’ Bible Study</i>
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Thursday, March 21

12:30pm to 2:30pm	<i>Sleep Mat Making</i>
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Friday, March 22

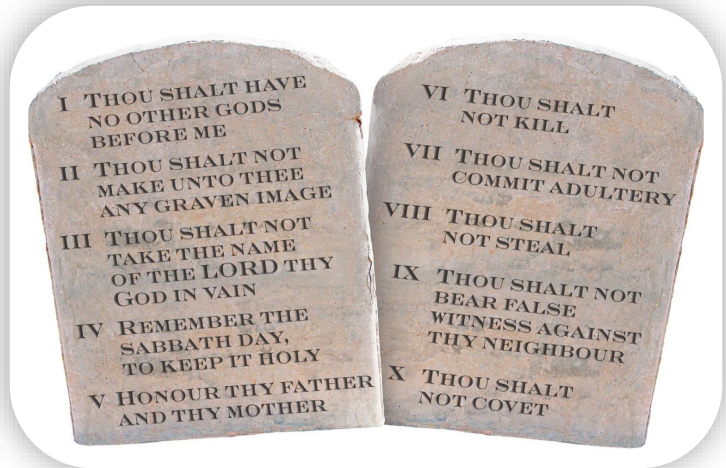
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Saturday, March 23

10:00am	<i>Pickleball</i>
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Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

8:00am	<i>Men’s Study</i>
8:00 am 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>
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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

EASTER FLOWERS

Today is the last day to order Easter flowers! Order forms are located in the entryway by the Daily Breads. Fill out the order form, include the correct payment, and either drop it in the collection plate or in the basket by the church office.

LENTEN & EASTER EVENTS

Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 28, at 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29, at 7:00pm

A Resurrection-Themed Movie

Easter, March 31:

7:00am Sunrise Service at Grafton Twp. Park

8:30am Community Breakfast

11:00am Easter Morning Worship

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Fifth 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 *The Lamb of God*, James Mansfield

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Our God is one of leadership and promises. He promised the Law to guide us and the Gospel to save us.

Many: It is a covenant written in our hearts instead of on tablets of stone.

One: It is a covenant with God, sealed by the blood of Christ who died on the cross for our sins.

Many: It is a new covenant in which we accept God's love and commit our lives to Him.

***HYMN** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* #297 UMH, vv. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM READING Psalm 19 (Responsive Reading)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-17

HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* #500 UMH, vv. 1-2, 4-5

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GLORIA PATRI** #70 UMH

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

MESSAGE *God's Promises to Moses*

APOSTLES' CREED #881 UMH

MORNING PRAYERS

***HYMN** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* #358 UMH, vv. 1-4

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** *God Be with You till We Meet Again* #672 UMH, v. 1

POSTLUDE *Toccata*, Robert Thygerson

Prayer Concerns

Dorian
Max
Matt
Barb Bodnar
Eric Cool
Jason Pepper
Debbie Turner
Sheree Vajda

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

March Birthdays

2: Linda Cowie
4: Russ Gardner
6: Ray Stevens
16: Neal Gimben
18: Carol Brisbin
19: Alyssa Atkinson
22: Greg Atkinson
23: Laney Haddix
26: Jan Hessler & Joe Saylor



***Liturgist:* Claudia Baker**

***Ushers:* Wes Eddy, Ellie Meier,
Ray Stevens & Charlie Weil**

Staff

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

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering:	\$3,954.00
YTD Collected:	\$34,762.00
YTD Weekly Avg.:	\$3,476.20
Proj. Yr.-End Rcpts:	\$180,762.40
2024 Budget:	\$213,895.00
% of Budget Collected:	16.3%
Proj. Yr.-End % of Bdgt:	84.5%

Attendance

February 18, 2024:	81
February 25, 2024:	80
March 3, 2024:	78
March 10, 2024:	69

