

WELCOME



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

Sunday, March 24, 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: John 20:1-18, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 & Mark 16:1-8

This week's memory verse:

While we live, we live to please the Lord. And when we die, we go to be with the Lord. So in life and death, we belong to the Lord.

Romans 14:8

Week of March 24 thru March 31, 2024

Today, March 24 - Palm Sunday

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*
10:00am *Easter Egg Hunt*
10:15am *Choir Practice*
11:00am *Worship Service*

Monday, March 25

6:00pm *6:18 Prayer Service*
7:00pm *Leadership Team Meeting*

Tuesday, March 26

6:30pm *Pickleball*

Wednesday, March 27

9:30am *Ladies' Bible Study*

Thursday, March 28

10:00am *Sleep Mat Making*
7:00pm *Maundy Thursday Service*

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

7:00pm *Good Friday Movie*
7:30pm *AA*

Saturday, March 30

10:00am *Pickleball*

Sunday, March 31 - Easter Sunday

7:00am *Sunrise Svc. at Grafton Twp. Park*
8:30am to 10:00am *Community Breakfast*
9:30am *Adult Sunday School*
Sunday School for all ages
9:30am *Youth Discipleship*
10:15am *Choir Practice*
11:00am *Worship Service*



Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

MATTHEW 21:9

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SLEEP MAT MAKING

Thursday, March 28 at 10:00am

Come for good fellowship as make sleep mats for the homeless. We flatten, fold, cut, connect loops, and weave. If you have any questions, see Mary Eddy or Cheryl Smith.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS

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*

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Easter Sunday, March 31, 8:30am to 10:00am

Join us for breakfast Easter Sunday morning. Invite friends and family and have them stay for our special Easter service.

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

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 Palms, Faure*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus illustrated with His life that obedience to God is not a life of ease and pleasure.

Many: Discipleship requires disciplined commitment in our Lord's service.

One: Christ is our example who was faithful, even to death.

Many: We know God preserves those who are faithful to Him. We pray for courage to be faithful.

***HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #278 UMH, vv. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM READING Psalm 22 (Responsive Reading)

CHOIR *Into the City Does Jesus Ride*, Hugh Livingston

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 50:4-9

HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* #277 UMH, vv. 1-3

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GLORIA PATRI** #70 UMH

***GOSPEL READING** John 12:12-16

MESSAGE *Entering God's Promise*

APOSTLES' CREED #881 UMH

MORNING PRAYERS

***HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #280 UMH, vv. 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN** *Shalom to You* #666 UMH

POSTLUDE *Ride On, Ride On*, Robert Powell



Prayer Concerns

Dorian
Max
Matt
Sandee
Barb Bodnar
Jason Peffer
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	Rimstid
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: Alan George

Ushers: Vickie Baker, Pat Farnsworth, Cheryl Greenly & Ellie Meier

Staff

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

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering:	\$3,003.00
YTD Collected:	\$37,765.00
YTD Weekly Avg.:	\$3,433.18
Proj. Yr.-End Rcpts:	\$178,525.45
2024 Budget:	\$213,895.00
% of Budget Collected:	17.7%
Proj. Yr.-End % of Bdgt:	83.5%

Attendance

February 25, 2024: 80
March 3, 2024: 78
March 10, 2024: 69
March 17, 2024: 76