

WELCOME



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

Sunday, April 14, 2024

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

Next Week's Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23;
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

This week's memory verse:

Pharaoh said, “Who is the Lord, that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go.”

Exodus 5:2



Week of April 14 thru April 21

Today, April 14 - Native American 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*
11:00am *Worship Service*
2:00pm *Mission Team Meeting*

Monday, April 15

6:00pm *6:18 Prayer Service*
7:00pm *Prayer Shawl*

Tuesday, April 16

6:30pm *Pickleball*

Wednesday, April 17

9:30am *Ladies' Bible Study*

Thursday, April 18

12:30pm *Sleep Mat Making*

Friday, April 19

7:30pm *AA*

Saturday, April 20

10:00am *Pickleball*

Sunday, April 21

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*
3:00pm *MYF*



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

SLEEP MAT MAKING

Thursday, April 18 at 12:30pm

Come for good fellowship as we 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.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 28, at 8:30am

Invite a friend and have them stay for church!

SWISS STEAK DINNER & DANCING

Saturday, May 11, at 5:00pm

Treat your mom or special gal to a night out! The cost is \$18 for adults and \$8.00 for children under 10. See Cheryl Smith or call the church office for any questions or tickets.

2024 DIRECTORY

A sample 2024 Directory is on the sign-up table in the Narthex. Please look it over and if you see any changes, please make them. The directories will be available April 28.

*Sunday, April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter*

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

WELCOMING & GREETINGS Rev. William Baker

***GREET & WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBORS**

***PRAISE SONG** *In Christ Alone* (screen only)

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. William Baker

PRELUDE *Fanfare Prelude on "St. Thomas", Douglas Wagner*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are the children of God. Therefore, let us worship Him with sincere hearts.

Many: We are God's children because He loves us, and we worship God because we love Him as our Father.

One: As children of God, we are challenged to live like Jesus in witness of God's fatherhood.

Many: May we worship God each day as we live in obedience to our heavenly Father.

***HYMN** *He Lives* #310 UMH, vv. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER

PSALM READING Psalm 4 (Response Reading)

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 3:11-19

HYMN *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN *Christ Is Alive* #318 UMH, vv. 1-2, 5

COMMUNITY MOMENT Mission Moment - Mary Eddy

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #95 UMH

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

***GLORIA PATRI** #70 UMH

***GOSPEL READING** 1 John 3:1-7

MESSAGE *Looking, Living, Being Like Jesus*

AFFIRMATION FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-6 AND COLOSSIANS 1:15-20
#888 UMH

MORNING PRAYERS

***HYMN** *Pass It On* #572 UMH, vv. 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *Jesus Shall Reign*, James Mansfield

The altar flowers are in memory of Karen Ely's father, Harry Seaman.



We extend our sympathy to Ellie Meier in the passing of her sister, Marjie.

Prayer Concerns

Carmen

Tammy

Brian Gilmore

Debbie Turner

Sheree Vajda

Long Term Prayer Concerns

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

April Birthdays

3: Ethan Greenly

7: Lexi Haddix

11: Julie Wallace

13: Ken Babel, Vincent
George

15: Paula Novak

19: Michael Warden



Liturgist: Victoria Jackson

Ushers: Russ Gardner, Clete Johnson, Jon & Rachel Kisilewicz

Staff

Pastor: Rev. William Baker

Organist: Marilyn Irwin

Secretary: Beth Feliciano

Youth Director: Rachel Kisilewicz

Custodian: Donna Smith

Financial Update

Last Week's Offering: \$4,891.00

YTD Collected: \$48,084.00

YTD Weekly Avg.: \$3,434.57

Proj. Yr.-End Rcpts: \$178,597.71

2024 Budget: \$213,895.00

% of Budget Collected: 22.5%

Proj. Yr.-End % of Bdgt: 83.5%

Attendance

March 17, 2024: 76

March 24, 2024: 101

March 31, 2024: 116

April 7, 2024: 89