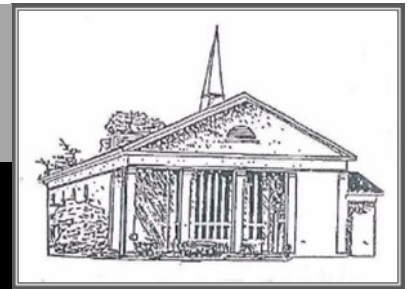


WELCOME

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

Sunday, July 4, 2021
Happy 4th of July!



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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Week of July 4 - July 11, 2021

TODAY

8:00am ~ Men's Study (at LaPorte)

9:30am ~ Adult Sunday School (at LaPorte; also offered via video conferencing - contact Dave Van Arsdale for access info)

11:00am ~ **Worship Service** ~ In-person (also offered livestream and later posted online)

After the Worship Service ~ **4th of July Picnic**
(Note: MYF will not be meeting this afternoon)

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, JULY 5 - JULY 9

6:30pm thru 8:00pm ~ Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, JULY 5

Church office closed

6:18pm ~ Prayer Group (at LaPorte). VBS will be happening but the sanctuary will be open for prayer.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

9:30am ~ Ladies' Bible Study (at LaPorte)

FRIDAY, JULY 9

10:00am ~ Missions Meeting (open to everyone)

SATURDAY, JULY 10

6:00pm ~ Welcome Picnic at Carl & Cheryl Smith's

SUNDAY, JULY 11

8:00am ~ Men's Study (at LaPorte)

9:30am ~ Adult Sunday School (at LaPorte; also offered via video conferencing - contact Dave Van Arsdale for access info)

11:00am ~ **Worship Service** ~ In-person (also offered livestream and later posted online)

3:00pm ~ Methodist Youth Fellowship

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

July 4th Picnic

Today, following worship services, there will be a picnic hosted by LaPorte's Methodist Men. All you need to bring is your appetite!

Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School

July 5 - July 9

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow, from 6:30pm thru 8:00pm! See Stacy Goetz for more information, or if you have any questions.

Welcome Picnic

Join us at the Smiths' home next Saturday at 6:00pm as we fellowship and meeting Rev. William & Vickie. Bring a chair and a dish to share. Sign up or call Cheryl Smith by Thursday.

Little Dresses for Africa

In next Sunday's service, we will be blessing all little dresses received through July 10.

Picnic Table Build Day

On Saturday, July 17 at 8:30am, we will be building picnic tables for our new gathering area. No skills are required - come and join in the fun and fellowship!

Staff

Pastor: Rev. William Baker

Organist: Marilyn Irwin

Youth Director: Stacy Goetz

Secretary: Beth Feliciano

Custodian: Donna Smith

July 4, 2021
Communion Sunday

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

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *My Country Tis of Thee*, arr. Edward Broughton

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of the Son, free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world.

Many: Move us to praise your gracious will. For in Christ Jesus you have saved us from the deeds of death and opened for us the hidden ways of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN* *God of the Ages* #698 UMH vv. 1-4

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 146 RSV

HYMN *This Is My Song* #437 UMH vv. 1-3

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY* #95 UMH

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY & OUR LEADERS

One: God of life and hope, we pray for our nation, for wisdom for our leaders; that both will be governed by the promptings of your Holy Spirit.

Many: Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

One: We pray for the healing peace of the Holy Spirit in these days of anxiety and uncertainty; that division and discord will be replaced with unity and peace. Father, keep us confident in your love; that we understand true freedom is found in you.

Many: Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

One: We thank you for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: as we move into new chapters in the life of our nation, we ask that we walk and move aligned with your goals and desire for us so we may be truly free by the providence of your desire.

Many: Lord, come to bless us, and fill us with your Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 37:11-17, 38:4-6, 14-18 RSV

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON *Perseverance in Obedience*

THE APOSTLES' CREED #881 UMH

HOLY COMMUNION #12 UMH

HYMN* *America the Beautiful* #696 UMH vv.1-3

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

POSTLUDE *God Bless America*, Arr. Irwin

Liturgists: Barb Shuster **Ushers:** Harold & Terri Smith

Prayer Concerns...

Pat (Victoria Jackson)

Prayer concerns will appear in the bulletin for two weeks.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns...

Hagen (Stacy Goetz)

Robert Dempsey

Adam Greenly

Art Smith

Don (Vickie Baker)



To Persevere in Obedience

Jeremiah 37:11-17, 38:4-6, 14-18

Jeremiah was a man that persevered: He kept getting up each time he was knocked down.

1. He was arrested for deserting to the enemy: Jer. 37: 12, 32:1-5

2. He was accused of demoralizing the army: Jer. 38:6

3. He was asked to deliver the message to the king: Jer. 38:15

The Means to Persevere: What does it mean to persevere in obedience?

1. Stand by your convictions: Jer. 1:18, Luke 19:10

2. Make the right choices: Those that persevere choose not to stay down, they get up!

3. Maintain personal character: Jeremiah kept his character intact.

4. Refuse to compromise: It cost Jeremiah, yet he never compromised his calling or the message.

Conclusion: In the end, after you have been knocked down many times, will you choose to rise each time; will your legacy be that of Jeremiah's?

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