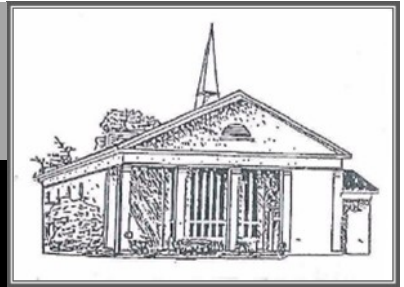


WELCOME

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

Sunday, September 5, 2021



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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- Sermons (video)
- Upcoming events
- Past newsletters

*The flowers are in memory of
Rachel Kisilewicz's mother.*

LET US hold fast
THE CONFESSON OF OUR
HOPE WITHOUT WAVERING
FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS
faithful HEBREWS 10:23



September 19

September Birthdays

- 7: Sue Goins
11: Phyllis Haynes, Jeff Krap
12: Jeanne Oplinger
14: Ellie Meier, Art Smith, Rene Truxall
16: Linda Debow, John Ricketts
20: Cheryl Greenly

Week of September 5 - September 12, 2021

TODAY

- 8:00am ~ Men's Study (at LaPorte; also offered via video conferencing - contact the church for access info)
8:30am ~ Coffee Hour
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)
12:00pm ~ Treats after Church
No MYF

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Labor Day ~ Church Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

7:00pm ~ Stephen Ministry

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- 8:00am ~ Men's Study (at LaPorte; ; also offered via video conferencing - contact the church for access info)
8:30am ~ Coffee Hour
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3:00pm ~ Methodist Youth Fellowship

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Treats after Church

Join us today after church as we enjoy various ice cream treats - popsicles, ice cream bars, etc., and fellowship, celebrating Labor Day.

Chinese / Silent Auction & Pasta Dinner

This annual event is Saturday, October 2, beginning at 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthax for donations, food and help to make this event fun and successful. All proceeds benefit Good Knights. Our goal is 12 beds. If you have any questions, see Cheryl Smith.

Picnic Table Placement

Following services next Sunday, September 12, there will be a meeting to decide where to place the picnic tables. All are invited to attend. If you have any questions, see Cheryl Smith.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on Monday, September 20 at 7:00pm. If you have any questions, see Sue Van Arsdale.

Staff

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

September 5, 2021
Communion Sunday

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

WELCOMING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *A Prayer*, William Stickles

CALL TO WORSHIP*

One: The Spirit of God bids us, "Come." Let everyone who hears within theirs hearts, "Come." Hear the whole earth rejoice and the coastlands sing of our God's steadfast love.

Many: We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God sets us free!

One: Let everyone who is thirsty for the Spirit "Come." Let anyone who wishes "Come," and receive the water of life as a gift.

All: We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks for God's steadfast love that brings joy to our hearts in the night, lights our lives like the dawn, and sets us free. Amen.

HYMN* *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* #465 UMH vv. 1-4

OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 54:1-7 RSV

SPECIAL MUSIC Victoria Jackson ~ *Shout to the Lord*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

DOXOLOGY* #95 UMH

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:30-37 RSV

SERMON *The Wicked Root of Conflict*

THE ORTHODOX CHURCH CREED OF FAITH
(see box at the right)

HOLY COMMUNION #12 UMH

HYMN* *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* #2158 TFWS vv. 1-3

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

POSTLUDE *Triumphal March*, William Stickles



Liturgist: *Harold Smith* **Ushers:** *Jon & Rachel Kisilewicz*

Prayer Concerns...

Matt (Terri Smith)
Holly (Paulette Hayslett)
Pat (Victoria Jackson)

Ongoing Prayer Concerns...

Hagen (Stacy Goetz)
Jim Baker
Robert Dempsey
Al Gilder
Adam Greenly
Art Smith
Don (Vickie Baker)

**Orthodox Church Creed
Of Faith**

I believe in one God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds, Light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Ghost, and of the Virgin Mary, and was made man;

And was crucified for us, under Pontius Pilate, and suffered, and was buried;

And rose again the third day according to the Scripture;

And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

And He shall come again with glory to judge the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets.

I believe one Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead;

And the life of the world to come. Amen.