



Lux



August/September 2020

The newsletter of University Lutheran Church and One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry at Michigan State University

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Sunday Worship via Facebook Live
10 a.m.

Virtual Coffee Hour
Immediately following worship
Get Zoom link in weekly email

Virtual Pub Theology
Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m.
Email garybunge@sbcglobal.net
to get Zoom link

Food Movers
Thursday, Aug. 27 & Sept. 24
Distribution 4:30 p.m.
Drive-thru pick up of
prepacked boxes

Alpha Sunday
Sept. 13

Virtual Sunday School Resumes
Sunday, Sept. 20

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Generous Gift Makes Solar Array Possible

Coming soon to ULC—FREE electricity from the sun! As a tangible commitment “to practice stewardship of God’s creation” the construction of a 20-kilowatt roof top solar array is now in progress at ULC.

For several years ULC has made a concerted effort to reduce the energy requirements for the building. With the installation of the LED light bulbs, over the past four years there has been a 40 percent reduction in electricity use. Solar energy has been a shared, long-term goal of the Earthkeeping Team with our neighbors at the Islamic Center, with whom we have worked on several community solar projects. They have installed a solar system on their building and surprised us recently with the offer of a generous donation of \$25,000 to jump start solar for ULC. With that offer and \$26,000 from various ULC funds and some private donations, the project has been able to move forward.

The solar array is expected to produce at least 20,000 kWh of renewable energy per year, or about 25 percent of ULC’s current electrical needs. This is expected to reduce the Consumers Power electric costs by more than 3,000 dollars per year at current rates. The project is expected to be completed by the end of September. There will be a monitor in the building where we can view the power produced in real time.



Imam Sohail Chaudhry of the Islamic Center presenting a check to Pastor Gary for the ULC solar array.

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Still Time to Respond to the 2020 US Census



You can complete your questionnaire [online](#), by phone (844-330-2020) or by mail (sent in mid-April). There are only nine questions. It is extremely important for everyone to respond since government services and school funding are tied to these numbers. If you need assistance, contact the ULC office at 517-332-2559.

An integrated family journeying faithfully together, inspired by God’s grace, guided by Christ, and empowered and sustained by the Holy Spirit

Singing the Song God Has Given Us

Maybe it's because of the pandemic, or maybe despite the pandemic, but it seems that the days and weeks are flying by. It is hard to believe that this is the Aug./Sept. issue of the *Lux* and that we're talking about and planning for the new program year. But indeed, we are.

I want to begin by extending a big thank you to those of you who took the time to respond to the worship survey the Council put out in June. I'm always a little nervous and skeptical about surveys but you all responded so well. About 125 people responded, which is wonderful, and so many took the time to write thoughtful and helpful responses. The Council is in the process of reviewing the responses and in this issue of the *Lux* and the next issue, you will be able to read about the feedback and how we are using it to guide worship planning going forward.

One broad brush stroke that was very clear in the survey was that there was a large majority of people who expressed appreciation for the variety of music in worship and the new music that has been used in our online worship services. That came through very clearly. There were also some who expressed the desire for more/only traditional hymns and music. The congregation is clearly not of one mind.



The challenge then in worship planning becomes, how do we respond to the wide range of worship tastes in the congregation, because clearly, one style of music/worship doesn't speak to all.

About 25 years ago, I had the opportunity to work with a very gifted worship leader in the ELCA, Dori Erwin Collins. I heard her speak at a couple of conferences and then had the privilege to work with her when I was chair of the Synod Worship Committee as we planned worship workshops in the Synod. In that time, she said something that has stuck with me all these years and has helped to shape my approach to worship and worship planning. She said, "We have to allow people to sing the song that God has given them to sing."

What that means is that, as a community of faith, we will not be all of one mind, and we will not all have the same taste in music and worship, so, "We have to allow people to sing the song that God has given them to sing." In other words, "I" sing something in worship that I don't care for and doesn't speak to me because it's deeply worshipful and meaningful for "you." It's allowing you to sing the song God has given you to sing. And "you" sing something in worship that you don't care for because it's deeply worshipful and meaningful for "me." It's allowing me to sing the song that

God has given me to sing.

This is what a community of faith is all about. It's caring for the other. It's making sure that the needs of the other are met for the sake of the community. What Dori shared with me was a real gift, and a marvelous vision, not simply for worship, but for any community of faith as it works to live together, with all kinds of individual needs and desires, in order to answer Jesus' call to serve.

I'm grateful that we sing hymns/songs that "I" don't care about, because then the church isn't all about "me." I'm grateful that the church has ministries that aren't that important to "me," but I give my hard-earned money to support, because then the church isn't all about "me." Because when a church becomes all about "me" it is no longer about Jesus and sharing the love of Jesus. It's simply about fulfilling "my" needs.

I'm grateful that this community of faith is not of one mind when it comes to worship. That's a wonderful thing because it says that the church is bigger than any one of us, and it allows us to reach a wider variety of people. The challenge going forward will be to figure out how to allow each of us to sing the song that God has given us to sing.

Blessings as we worship in this new online way. Enjoy the rest of the summer, and I pray that you are safe.

Pastor Gary

Solar Array continued from page 1.

With this further reduction of our carbon footprint, we as a congregation are bearing witness to God's call to care for the Earth and save monetary resources for ULC to do God's work.

NOTE: Does your house have a south-facing roof? If so, you may be well positioned to reduce your electric bill to near zero. A 26 percent Federal Tax Credit is available this year. More details on both installations are available by contacting Dale Romsos at dromsos@msu.edu.

Judy Kindel

2020 Student Associate Updates

Andrea Vera I will be a second-year environmental engineering student at MSU in the fall. I spent the past few months participating in remote research involving the sequencing of ground water DNA to improve contaminant remediation methods, while also making time to embark on outdoor adventures. I look forward to making my way back to the ULC community in the fall.



figuring out how to make the best out of our distance/virtual experience with Pastor Haley Vay and the other student associates!

Annaliese Marks Hi again ULC! This summer I have spent time working online for a research lab at MSU, volunteering through the Smithsonian as a digital volunteer, and training for a one day 100-mile fundraising bike ride for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. I have also done a lot of reading and baking, and I have spent time in my backyard among the trees and in our vegetable garden! I don't know what this fall will be, but I look forward to new ways of finding community with One Community and members of ULC.

Hello! I'm **Rachel Drobnak**, a rising sophomore studying Crop & Soil Science at MSU. I truly feel like ULC and One Community are home for me, and I am sad to be physically away from the church during these times. This fall, I am so excited to continue creating community in our children's choir, campus ministry, and worship services. Over the summer, I have been working in Northport, MI on a 20-acre, sweet cherry orchard and flower garden! I have learned so much and have had a ton of fun being outside every day.

Hello everyone! My name is **Maggie Haite** and I am going to be one of the student associates! I am a rising sophomore majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife, but I'm looking to add a policy minor along with my others. This summer I took a few online classes, revised my internship at the Kellogg Biological Station into a project with the Bird Sanctuary, and have been petitioning my high school to



Eva, Pastor Haley Vay, and Rachel

While on vacation in northern Michigan, the Beamans visited Student Associate Rachel Drobnak, MSU Soil Science major, who is working at the Hallstedt Homestead Cherry Orchard this summer. Rachel will return to MSU to continue her studies this fall and is excited and hopeful for what this new year will bring in campus ministry at ULC and One Community.

In My Opinion

Hope for the Future

Following interviews with candidates for student associate positions, I said to Pastor Haley Vay that campus ministry gives me hope. Dire predictions about the future of the church based on lack of participation by younger people.

Yes, the church is different from the thriving parishes which were everywhere when I was growing up. Church life is changing. However,

observing the commitment and active participation of students involved in ULC in recent years, provides reason to hope. The graduating students who recently received quilts were involved in the life of this parish in a variety of ways. They also met together on Fridays and journeyed on alternative Spring break service trips.

What I heard in the student associate interviews and what I hear in

conversations with students is appreciation for a place where they can be themselves, ask honest questions, think about the deeper questions of life, but also have fun. When ULC provides that atmosphere and students continue to respond, there is reason for hope.

Sue Kamens

Compassion Camp 2020

This year ULC's VBC (Virtual Bible Camp) provided a fun and unique opportunity for faith formation in the family home. Please check out ULC's YouTube channel for video highlights of our five weeks of VBC. Thank you to Aaron Williams for

creating our highlight reels each week! We give thanks to God for the incredible prayerful and financial support of our congregation which makes this ministry possible for our kids! Let's be inspired by our ministry with kids. Remember to get

out your "God Goggles" every day to help see and understand the world better through God's eyes. What's your God sighting this week? "God loves you and so do I!"

Pastor Haley Vay

Join us on Wednesdays!

Worship Wednesdays

If there's one blessing that a stay-at-home order has granted us, it's an opportunity to share consistent time with our children and youth throughout the summer months. In August Pastor Gary and I are leading "A Time with the Children" password-protected Zoom gathering with a lesson, activity, and prayer. The theme is The Lord's Prayer, and we have crafts, stickers, coloring pages, and more to share. We hope you can join us!

If you do not yet have a **Spark Story Bible** in your home and would like one, please let me know so that I can deliver one as a gift to you from ULC. Kids of all ages are welcome to join us and all it takes to sign up is an email or phone call to me, so that I can send you the Zoom invitation. - Pastor Haley Vay

Virtual Sunday School in the Fall

Beginning in September, my plan is to lead virtual Sunday School on "**Worship Wednesdays**" with **interactive crafts and Bible stories, including virtual Children's Choir led by our Director of Music, Janine Novenske Smith.** I hope your child(ren) will feel welcome and encouraged to share this time with us on **Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.**, recorded for Sunday worship.

We will be creating *instrument kits* for Virtual Sunday School, which we plan to deliver to your homes in late August/early September. You will receive a [link](#) to register in the next few weeks. Registration is necessary, so that we know how to prepare instrument kits, music, and curriculum for the fall.

Highlight from Michigan Schools Roadmap

We are using guidelines from the State of Michigan to help make our decision to remain virtual versus in-person instruction. We are currently in Phase 4 of the State of Michigan Schools Roadmap. Some highlights of phase 4 include:

- No sharing of classroom materials: pencils, crayons, blocks and toys, tables and desks must be 6ft. apart, children must face in the same direction, children over 2 years old must wear masks. If any person in the school shows signs of illness, they must be sent home or kept in a designated quarantine area until they can go home. Areas used by children must be cleaned every 4 hours.
- Phase 5 moves from "required" (Phase 4) to "recommended."
- Phase 6 is "post-pandemic."

The full report can be accessed [here](#).

Coming Soon...

Parenting in a Pandemic Small Group

Though details are still in the works, I wanted to share with you our newest small group "Parenting in Quarantine." ULC parents with school-age kids are welcome to gather regularly on Zoom for this small



group ministry, focused on sharing a wide range of topics from at-home schooling, to hybrid learning, working parents, and seeking peace in the midst of Covid chaos.

Interested parents, please email me at

haley.vay@gmail.com with a preferred day and time for our small group to meet, then I can survey responses and include you in the Zoom invitation.

Pastor Haley Vay

ZoomForum Coming to You this Fall!

Starting on Sunday, Sept. 13, the hour following ULC's Facebook Live Sunday Service will be devoted to ZoomForum. Grab a cup of coffee and enter the zoom link immediately after the service is over to enjoy a few minutes of informal conversation (and to make sure your audio/video is working). Forum will start at 11:10 a.m. and end at noon. As in the past, we will try to allow time for discussion and questions at every forum, but this will be new for all of us, so there may be a few snags here and there.



- "How Lutherans Interpret the Bible," a multi-part video educational series featuring Dr. Mark Allan Powell of Trinity Lutheran Seminary hosted by Pastor Gary
- Racial Justice Issues and Education
- Guest speakers from the MSU Broad Art Museum

Do you have suggestions for ZoomForum topics, presentations, or speakers? Call, text, or email me at trevarth@msu.edu or 517-281-8022. As presentations are finalized, a schedule will be posted on the ULC website.

Some of the upcoming topics we're working on:

- Virtual Art Tour of ULC (Sept. 13 Kick-off Forum!)

Linda Trevarthen

ULC Small Groups

Many Groups Continue Virtually

Pub Theology



Join us virtually every first Tuesday from 7 - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. We will discuss four or five

questions involving spiritual topics, philosophy, life, and theology. Check our website homepage at ulcel.org or Facebook page for the questions for the upcoming session. Contact: Pr. Gary garybunge@sbcglobal.net.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina meets virtually Wednesdays at noon on Zoom. God in Scripture (*Lectio Divina*)

is a way of listening to the texts of Scripture as if we were in conversation with Christ and He was suggesting the topics of conversation. Bring your lunch and join us! Contact Pastor Gary, garybunge@sbcglobal.net.

Tuesday AM Bible Study



This group meets every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Zoom. The Bible study reviews the biblical

texts for the upcoming Sunday. Copies of the texts are sent a couple of days before the study. The co-

leaders of the group are Jim Keifer jkiefer@Dykema.com Nancy Lindman nlindman@uw-mich.org and Larry Wagenknecht larry.wagenknecht@gmail.com.

Bible Study Circles



Annos meets at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. We are trying to determine a safe way to meet. Contact: Marilyn Johnson majandmgj@gmail.com.

Rhodon Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. using Zoom. They use the Bible study from the *Gather* magazine, the publication of the Women of the ELCA. Contact: Kay Meints kay2366@gmail.com.

Lychnion Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. They use the Bible study from the *Gather* Magazine each month. We are still trying to determine a safe way to meet. Contact: Carolyn Lohr aclohr@comcast.net.



Tight Knit

Pre-pandemic, we met weekly to knit/crochet

and share a meal and fellowship together. We currently make yarn projects at home and stay in touch using Zoom and Facebook. Contact: Anne Smith, asmith1959@hotmail.com

ULC Book Club



We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. via Zoom to share fellowship and discuss the selected book. Contact: Judy Kindel, kindel@msu.edu

Prayers & Squares



Sewers of all skill levels are invited to join this ministry that creates prayer quilts (and more) throughout the year. Work is being completed at home now, but we invite everyone to join us. Contact Ann Booren, boorena@msu.edu.

Coming Soon! Parenting in a Pandemic

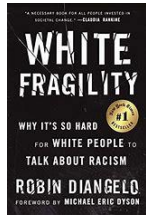


Find support and fellowship while parenting in a pandemic. We'll meet virtually. Contact Pastor Haley Vay haley.vay@gmail.com to add your name to the list.



September Selection is *White Fragility*

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism, by Robin Di Angelo, is the ULC Book Club selection for September. This best-selling book explores the counter-productive reactions white people have when their assumptions about race are challenged, and how these reactions maintain racial inequality.



Referring to the defensive moves that white people make when challenged racially, white fragility is characterized by emotions such as anger, fear, and guilt, and by behaviors including argumentation and silence. These behaviors, in turn, function to reinstate white racial equilibrium and prevent any meaningful cross-racial dialogue. Di Angelo examines how white fragility

develops, how it protects racial inequality, and what we can do to engage more constructively.

This book is on the list of recommended reading by the ULC Racial Justice Team. The ULC Book Club will meet on Thursday, Sept. 17 at 10am (hopefully in person). All are welcome.

Judy Kindel



ULC Memorial Library

Special Collection Honors Sharon Bandlow

This winter the Library Team lost one of its long-time members to an aggressive brain tumor that was just too much for her body to handle. Sharon Bandlow died in the arms of her daughter, Ashley on Feb. 29, 2020. What Sharon loved the most was being a Mom to Ashley and a Grandma (Nana) to Luca.



Sharon earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education from Michigan State University in 1972 and later received a Master of Arts degree in Reading Education. She worked tirelessly as a reading intervention specialist for the Lansing School District for more than 30 years. Teaching was her passion and the desire to help children succeed was the core of her being. She retired in July, 2009.

Retirement life kept Sharon busy. If she wasn't volunteering at the Wharton Center or quilting, she could be found cheering on Michigan State sports. She also earned herself the title of Master Gardener from the Michigan State University EMG program. In her quiet time Sharon loved relaxing at the family home on Torch Lake and reading.

Fortunately for ULC, Sharon also joined the Library Team after she retired and shared her reading expertise and love of literature by working in the church library. She was always searching for books that would be interesting to ULC members. She was adamant that books we purchased be multicultural. She also made sure the library always looked its best by changing bulletin boards and putting decorations on tables.

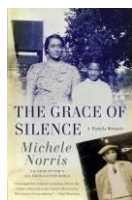
If asked to describe Sharon, people would say "She is thoughtful and kind and wants nothing more than to do the right thing. Sharon has the magic of knowing those who need help and makes sure they get it. She is trustworthy and patient. She is a professional teacher but before that she taught what needed to be taught to whoever needed "teaching". She has a smile for everyone." She lived her life with simple beauty, and the world will not be the same without her.

Because of Sharon's love of reading and her insistence that we include multicultural titles in the library collection, the Library Team has decided to dedicate the newly formed racial justice collection in her honor. It will be known as the **Sharon Bandlow Multicultural and Racial Justice Collection**. Her desire to help all people and see the best in all people will live on.

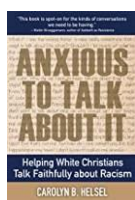
The following books were recommended by members of the ULC Racial Justice Team to be included in the collection. They are important books that can help us understand systemic racism and various ways we can be an agent of change. The Library Team wants to equip ULC members on this journey to fight racism by getting these books to people in the congregation. We are going to ATTEMPT to deliver the books to any member who makes a request.

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Sharon Bandlow Multicultural and Racial Justice Collection Adult Racial Justice Materials



The Grace of Silence
by Michele Norris
070.92



Anxious to Talk About It: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism
by Carolyn B. Helsel
200.89



Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation
by Latasha Morrison
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Love Big: The Power of Revolutionary Relationships to Heal the World
by Rozella Haydee White
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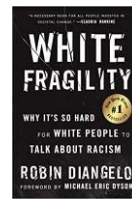
The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong
by Karen Gonzalez
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Woke Church: An Urgent Call for Christians in America to Confront Racism and Injustice
by Eric Mason
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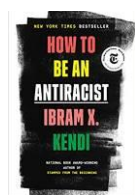
One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins
by Emmy Kegler
284.1



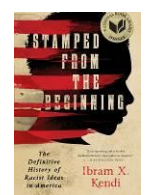
White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism
by Robin DiAngelo
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Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the US
by Lenny Duncan
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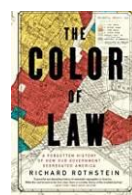
How to Be an Antiracist
by Ibram X. Kendi
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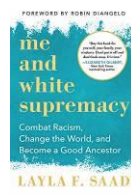
Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America
by Ibram X. Kendi
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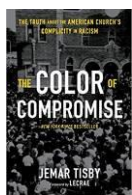
So You Want to Talk about Race
by Ijeoma Oluo
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The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America
by Richard Rothstein
305.8



Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor
by Layla F. Saad
305.8



Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism
by Jemar Tisby
305.8



I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness
by Austin Brown B Brown



The process: If you would like a book contact Connie Lenkowski at clenkowski@frontier.com or 517-655-5939. If the book is available a member

of the Library Team will either arrange to meet you or will bring the book to your home. If the book is not available, you will be notified when we can get the book

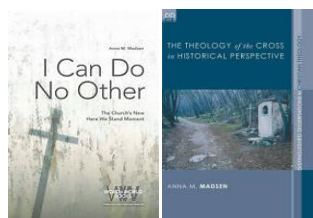
to you. Once you are finished reading the book, we will arrange to pick up the book.

Please join the Racial Justice Team in this fight against racism by taking the first step and reading one of these books.

Connie Lenkowski

Two Books Written by Dr. Anna Madsen

Just a few years ago, Anna Madsen, daughter of former Pastor George and Marge Madsen spoke at the 75th Anniversary celebration of University Lutheran Church. Anna Madsen has written two books which we are adding to the ULC Memorial Library.



The most recent book is titled *I Can Do No Other: The Church's New Here We Stand Moment*. This book was published in 2019 by Fortress Press. The second book is *The Theology of the Cross* and it was published in 2007.

I would like to celebrate and discuss the works of this former member. Are there any others that are interested in gathering by Zoom to discuss either of these books? Contact me at mikevicki.anderson@gmail.com.

Michael Anderson

ULC Vocal Choirs

Children's Choir

Beginning this fall, our Children's Choir will once again be led by Director of Music, Janine Novenske Smith. Our online gatherings will be during Sunday School on Worship Wednesdays.

Senior Choir and New Hope Singers

We are currently investigating new ways of being a choir in our new normal. If you would like to participate in our upcoming recordings for online worship services, please contact Janine Novenske Smith at smithj17@lcc.edu for more information.

Mark Your Calendars! Worship Expressions

*Worship Expressions,
Poetic Voices of Justice*

Sunday, Nov. 8

*Worship Expressions,
Jazz*

Sunday, Dec. 13

Giving Grains a Successful Summer Project

Hello Everyone,

My name is Inga Van Wieren and I graduated from Okemos High School in 2018 and just finished my first year at Middlebury College where I play ice hockey. Returning home from college for the summer, I had planned to work for the University of Michigan Medical Center as a research assistant. However, due to the pandemic, my position was eliminated. Instead I have decided to



spend my summer giving back to my community and those in need by developing a bread delivery project called **Giving Grains**.

I have been baking and delivering homemade bread to church community members and friends for free! Donations made to **Giving Grains** for the past couple months have been given to either the Midland Flood Relief, Samaritas, or the ULC Outreach of the Month.

So far, the project has raised \$655!

Although I have picked up a couple other summer jobs, baking on my days off has become such an enjoyable part of my routine. I would like to thank everyone who placed an order and/or offered support. Special thanks to Pastors Gary and Haley Vay who have helped me immensely. The project has been more successful than I could've imagined.

Thank you so much and best wishes,

Inga Van Wieren
ivanwieren9@gmail.com

School Year #2

Lansing Schools are planning to do online education this fall. How will this affect Kids Hope USA mentors and their Forest View Elementary students? We don't know yet.

An email to the principal, Emily Brown, brought this response: "Although we aren't exactly certain what our days will look like, I'm certain we can find a way to make this work (Kids Hope USA mentoring). (It is) Probably more important now to create and maintain these relationships. We will definitely maintain our connection and will be creative in what it will look like."

As such, the ULC Kids Hope USA ministry is important at Forest View because:



- Mentors can establish a relationship with one student once a week and help that student feel special and loved in this difficult time in our country
- Prayer partners can pray for one particular mentor/student relationship
- Scholarship providers can donate funds to help pay for training, supplies and expert support.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry this fall, contact any of the mentors or me at barbkissling@gmail.com.

Barbara Kissling
ULC Kids Hope USA Director

ULC Announces the Formation of a Racial Justice Ministry

The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the State, but rather the conscience of the State. —Martin Luther King, Jr.

In November 2019, an invitation was extended to the ULC congregation to participate in a workshop entitled “Embracing the Call for Racial Justice.” Eighteen members of the congregation accepted that invitation and were rewarded with a deeper understanding of racism. We came to realize that many/most/all of us had been passive participants in racial injustice even though none of us would have wanted to be called racist. Most/all of us believed that we were not racist because we did not actively discriminate against other races.

The facilitator of the seminar taught us to view racism as a system of advantage based on race. The painful truth is that America’s racism, what is currently described as *systemic racism*, has been insidiously developed since the arrival of the first colonists. It is a system designed by Whites to their advantage. As we learned in our seminar, it is not a Black/Brown problem. It is a White problem.

That November seminar has given rise to the newly formed Racial Justice Ministry, led by the Racial



Members of the Racial Justice Team, presented during worship on July 26. From the top, left to right: Vicki & Michael Anderson, Pastor Haley Vay Beamon, Sheila Nicholas, Thom McCurdy, Sue Kamens, Gabriel Aichele, Pastor Gary Bunge, Dave Wiggert, Miriam Bunge, Amy Wagenknecht, Connie Lenkowski, Paula Davis, Cindy Ramsey, Olga Holden, and Erin Frisch. Not pictured Bill Frysinger.

Justice Team (RJT). Under the direction of Vicki Anderson and Thom McCurdy (co-leaders), the RJT has been tasked to *equip, support, and lead the congregation to be anti-racist*. In order to be anti-racist, we must first understand racism and how it has been woven into the fabric of our society, and how our culture promotes whiteness as the norm and people of color as “other.” We are not anti-racist simply by refraining from performing racist actions. We must work in a focused and sustained manner to change the policies, practices, and behaviors that have racist effects.

Our focus for the next year will be to provide educational and experiential opportunities for our worshipping community. We are committed to sharing what we have learned and are

developing ways to educate all of us. You may remember that in April, the Sunday Forum had planned for an open dialogue about the *Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent* released in June of 2019 and had hoped to use the online study guide for addressing the concept of White Privilege. Then the Covid-19 Pandemic intervened.

Nonetheless, the Racial Justice Team was approved by the Church Council and we are moving forward: planning similar educational opportunities, reviewing how we worship, and establishing relationships with other congregations and community organizations to begin *our own work* for racial justice.

We realize we do not have all the answers. Please, join us in our efforts and we will learn together.

To find out more about the Racial Justice Ministry, who is serving on the Racial Justice Team, and what we have been up to, view the [Temple Talk](#) that was part of the ULC worship service on July 26.

Thom McCurdy and Vicki Anderson

—————> Visit the ULC website (<http://www.ulcel.org/racial-justice.html>)
to find resources to begin your racial justice journey. —————>



Looking for a Pandemic Project?

With the church building closed this summer the P&S volunteers have not been meeting. However, several members have been busy sewing prayer quilts at home. If you want kits to sew, or need fabric or batting, let me know and we can arrange that.

We have had very few requests for prayer quilts lately. I will be happy to meet someone at ULC and help them pick out a quilt if one is requested. Their name will be added to the Sunday prayers and weekly email announcements.

It is not too soon to be thinking of our fall QOV veteran recipients. I have no idea what form the QOV presentations will take this year, but I know there are people out there deserving of a quilt. If you know of a ULC member who is a veteran, and has not received one, they are a candidate. If you have a friend or family member that you would like to receive a quilt, I need to know that also.



Fifteen quilts were sent in June to the Royal Kids Camp in Highland, MI. Please pray for their safety and comfort as they snuggle under these quilts, and that they know that God loves them.

We purchased a bunch of x-long used twin sheets on sale for one dollar. These work great for the backs of **Lutheran World Relief** quilts, which need to be 60x80.” These need to be sturdy quilts, as they are used for many things. They can be made from many different and varied fabrics -- curtain fabric, corduroy, denim, etc. These quilts do not need to be works of art, or even beautiful. Check the LWR Quilters & Kit Makers Community Facebook page to see pictures of quilts. You can check out <https://lwr.org/quilts> for instructions.

LWR is also looking for people to sew masks and send in packs of 25. Get info here: <https://lwr.org/masks#8639>. Let me know if you are interested in either of these LWR projects. These are very worthwhile projects to do while we are home so much.

Ann Booren
boorena@msu.edu

Tight Knit

Yarn Projects Continue at Home

In a ball of yarn is the potential to make a dream that you have come true. Melanie Falick

In the rhythm of the needles, there is music for the soul. Before the pandemic, Tight Knit was getting together every week to create amazing shawls, blankets, scarves and hats.

The needles haven't stopped. We are still knitting and crocheting and creating, but now doing it at home and on our own.

Tight Knitters continue to keep in touch through Facebook and (of



Some of the many shawls that were blessed during virtual worship on Aug. 9.

course) Zoom meetings. We share yarn through porch drop offs or using

social distancing to distribute yarns outside the church.

We had a virtual shawl blessing during the Aug. 9 online service. McLaren Hospice will receive the shawls for their patients and families.

We pray for the recipients as we knit the items and ask for your prayers also.

Anne Smith

August Outreach of the Month

Friendship House MSU (FHMSU), located just one block south of ULC at 929 Sever Street, is a Gospel-centered ministry of friendship and hospitality that serves international students and their families at MSU. Organized in 1995 and supported by Lutheran churches in the Lansing area, FHMSU's core mission is education, with more than 25 course opportunities for international families in conversational English, Christianity and basic Bible study, special thematic courses such as sewing and knitting, and a variety of special events that introduce participants to American culture. ULC is an actively participating congregation in FHMSU. Some of our members and clergy teach or lead courses.

Major changes in programming have been necessary in recent months in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. When MSU announced the cancellation of in-person classes, Friendship House immediately converted to an online class format



which continues to the present time. Friendship House is committed to meeting the educational needs of Internationals on a virtual basis and will once again offer in-person classes when conditions and public health authorities deem it safe to reopen.

While involvement and participation in the ministry have increased in recent years, financial support has been lagging and the organization needs our help. FHMSU is already a financially "lean" organization, and almost all of its funds are used directly to support its programs and activities. Any financial contributions that we can make will help continue this ministry. Please designate your offering for 'FHMSU, Aug. Outreach of the Month' on the memo line on your check or the note section of the online giving on our [website](#).

There are other ways to contribute, including many volunteer opportunities for FHMSU-related activities:

- Teach English conversation courses
- Teach courses in the Bible to international Christians and to non-Christians
- (When it becomes safe once again) Assist with various fellowship activities such as baseball games, Thanksgiving dinners, or one-day trips to Lake Michigan or Chicago
- Be our prayer partner.

For more information, please contact me or see FHMSU's web site at: <http://friendshiphousemsu.global/>

Thank you for your continuing support of this valuable and growing ministry.

*Jeff Andresen,
ULC member and member of the
FHMSU Board of Directors*

September Outreach of the Month

Mission Partners

Our September Outreach of the month is going in a new direction. We are asking the congregation to financially support two Ministries of our Synod -- Harbor of Grace Congregation in Muskegon and Redeemer Lutheran Church located on Holmes Rd. in Lansing.

Harbor of Grace was created from four ELCA congregations with long histories that decided to form one congregation to do ministry together. The former congregations were located in Muskegon and Norton Shores. The first worship service together was held in November 2019. They are served by Pastor Jane Mountain and a retired ELCA Pastor, Chris Anderson.



Redeemer Lutheran is well known to ULC as Pastor Jan Hite is a former member of ULC. What Redeemer does

best is a ministry entitled Helping Hands Christian Learning Center. To learn more about either of these congregations, please visit their websites – [Harbor of Grace](#) and [Redeemer](#). As our Bishop said a couple of years ago, "We need to support and work together to be the people of God at this time."

Please designate your offering for "MISSION PARTNERS, September Outreach of the Month." on the memo line on your check or the note section of the online giving on our [website](#). Thank you for your support at such a time as this.

Michael Anderson

From the President

Following Where the Holy Spirit Leads Us

Dear members and friends of ULC,

As our lives continue to be shaped by COVID-19, Council has worked diligently over the summer to provide vision, direction, and support. Our ministry survey was extremely helpful, and I extend a warm “thank you” to the over 100 of you who took time to respond. We continue to monitor our plans for returning to in-person gathering with the latest, ever-changing information. Finally, we are planning for the future, with decisions on the lectionary, solar panels, and new equipment for the sanctuary.

After much deliberation, we have decided to continue with the Narrative Lectionary. Ideally, we would have been able to hold small group discussions in person to really share and learn from each other in this discernment process. As with many things, our plans had to change, and we made do with the worship survey. In addition to questions on the lectionary, we

received insightful feedback on worship expressions, on-line worship, and thoughts on returning to the building. It’s clear that we have a vibrant worship experience here at ULC and much support for continuing to follow where the Holy Spirit leads us. A detailed report on the rest of the survey is being drafted so look for it soon!

We continue to research and discuss essential equipment for enabling in-person worship when we can return. Many thanks to Jim Lorenz and Brandon Baswell who have worked hard to help us make informed decisions. Since it appears it will be a while before we are together again in the sanctuary, we are taking our time to make an informed decision.

A quick reminder, our Annual Meeting is coming up and we are working to determine the most responsible way to hold that in keeping with our Constitution and by-laws.



I must say, I miss our building. I miss seeing friendly faces and catching up in the narthex. I miss the sound of the organ and the familiar feel of the sanctuary. I miss standing at the altar and looking out upon all of you when I am assisting minister. I miss you. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding our ministry together. We will get through this. I pray you are well, taking care of yourselves and your loved ones, and that we see each other again soon.

*Yours in Christ,
Erin Frisch
epfrisch@gmail.com*

Your Church Needs You! Please Serve!

The following elected positions are open for nomination and will be voted on during our November congregation meeting:

Council:

President-elect – Three-year commitment (automatic progression to President then to Past President)

Secretary - Two-year term

Member-at-Large - Three positions, (one is for a one-year term*) two-year term with a two-term limit.

Student Associate Member-at-Large – One-year term

Finance Committee: Three positions (one is for a one-year term*) two-year term with a two-term limit.

Members in Ministry: Three positions, (one is for a one-year term*) two-year term with a two-term limit.



Endowment Committee: Two positions

* The one-year term is a result of our constitutional changes to the make-up of the council and the desire to have two elected positions a year going forward.

Please consider self-nominating or nominating another member for one of these vital roles in our church. I promise you that the experience in any of these areas is a rewarding one that brings a better understanding of the church workings and a stronger relationship with other members.

Please direct nominations or questions to me at baswell@msu.edu.

*Brandon Baswell
Members in Ministry Committee*

ULC Council met via Zoom on Wednesday, June 17, Wednesday, July 15, and Wednesday, Aug. 5.

The following are some highlights from these meetings:

- Council is continuing to monitor giving levels and make sure we can meet our fixed monthly costs. We will still encourage online giving.
- Council continues to discuss streaming equipment and screens, which will help with online worship as we move forward.
- The survey of the congregation was developed, distributed, and the results discussed over the course of several meetings.



Council Notes

- Council heard and accepted a proposal for a solar panel array, which will help ULC meet its energy needs while caring for the earth. We received a generous monetary gift toward this project from our neighbors at the Islamic Center.
- Due to the current rates of infection, we are still not able to consider return to in-person worship.

Emily Uebel
ULC Council Secretary

Virtual Worship Attendance

- June 7: Up to 86 devices watching during live, and so far 531 views
- June 14: Up to 89 devices watching during live, and so far 503 views
- June 21: Up to 86 devices watching during live, and so far 489 views
- June 28: Up to 76 devices watching during live, and so far 428 views
- July 5: Up to 80 devices watching during live, and so far 503 views
- July 12: Up to 86 devices watching during live, and so far 521 views
- July 19: Up to 76 devices watching during live, and so far 204 views
- July 26: Up to 88 devices watching during live, and so far 483 views

Congregational Survey Summary

Recently, the council surveyed the congregation about the “Worship Expressions” events and ULC’s online worship services. Our goal was to inform our decisions about worship and continue to improve the experience for the congregation.

The response to the Worship Expressions events was very positive. A strong majority of respondents found them to be worshipful, appreciated the diversity of music and liturgy, and learned about new possibilities for worship. When asked if ULC should continue to have Worship Expressions given the significant time and money involved, 59 percent answered “very much” or “a good deal, and another 39 percent answered, “a moderate amount” or “slightly.” The comments provided information about these answers, indicating that many people would like to include Worship Expressions music and liturgy into the Sunday services instead of having separate Worship Experience events.

Online worship experiences appear to have been mostly well-received by the congregation, helping most of the respondents feel connected to God and the congregation as a whole. Most people found the uses of technology in worship (video, projected images, ability to comment) to be enriching. Fewer people found the experience of online worship to help them feel connected to other individuals in the congregation, but even on that question, a slight majority responded very positively. When asked what they appreciated about the online services, respondents mentioned the ability to continue to worship during the pandemic, the Sunday School videos, the use

of art and diversity of music, and preaching. Several people noted that online worship has been convenient in terms of schedules and allows a more relaxed and flexible experience. An overwhelming majority expressed thankfulness to the people involved in creating online worship for their long hours and creativity. When asked if there are elements of the online worship that should be included when we return to in-person worship, many people mentioned the use of videos and the diversity of music. Several people suggested that we continue to make online worship available as an option after we return to in-person worship. A number of respondents did not respond positively to the online services. Even people who found online worship to be valuable expressed that they missed meeting in person, singing together, live music, and having communion.

As a council, we have found the survey results to be very encouraging. We will continue with online worship, continue conversations about diversity in worship, and consider funding for future Worship Expressions. As we discussed results, Pastor Gary stated that ideally, worship services should provide each person an opportunity to “sing the song that God has given them to sing.” In other words, each individual should have some opportunities to sing something they find meaningful. Thank you to every survey respondent for helping us to understand how we can provide opportunities for you to sing the song God has given you to sing. We truly appreciate you.

Joy Oslund, At-Large Council Member

The Greater Church



We Are Church, We Are Called

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In 2019 and 2020, the ELCA is celebrating 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely. Here is the continuation of the Ministry of Lutheran Women timeline that began in the June/July 2020 Lux.



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Lead Management Team Notes

The Lead Management Team met virtually in June and July and requested team reports in August. The following are highlights from these meetings/reports.

Lead Pastor Report-Pastor

Gary: All staff, except Gary Carl, continue to work from home, only stopping into church on occasion to print things or pick something up. We are in regular contact by texts, emails, phone calls and Zoom meetings. I'm grateful for the technology that makes this possible.

I have written an Endowment grant request on behalf of the Council for tech equipment: camera and encoding devise to be able to livestream worship when we come back in-person; a projector and screen for the sanctuary so that we can continue to take advantage of technology in worship, and because when we return to in-person worship we will not be able to use hymnals or bulletins. We have bids in hand

and are ready to proceed once we have funding.

I completed staff evaluations in July. We had very good conversations. We will hold Affirmation of Baptism on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25.

Social Action-Bryan

Rahe: The food distribution continues. We had vehicles enter the north driveway, split vehicles into two lanes, had food placed in vehicles at the entrance to the church building, and then they exited via the south driveway. Registration was abbreviated with everyone furnishing just their zip code and total number of members in their household. In May we served 123 households, with 21 volunteers. In June we served 82 households and had a total of 20 volunteers. In July we served 105 households

Ruth Frost

Phyllis Zillhart

Jan. 22, 1990

Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart are the first openly lesbian women to be ordained in a Lutheran church body in the United States. Because of the ELCA's policies on clergy in same-gender relationships, the congregation that called them, St. Francis, was put on ecclesiastical trial, suspended from the ELCA for five years and then expelled in 1996. Frost and Zillhart were formally received back into the ELCA in 2010.

Jun. 12, 1992

April Ulring Larson

April Ulring Larson is the first woman of European descent elected as a synod bishop in the ELCA. At this time, she was only the second female Lutheran bishop in the world.

Louisa Groce

Sept. 12, 1999

Louisa Groce, of African descent, is the first octogenarian woman ordained in the ELCA.

"During my 98 years of life, I have seen God sweep aside barriers of ethnicity, gender and age to help me become a pastor of Christ's beloved people. Each step of the way, this was not a calling I sought nor did it come about by my effort. It has all been God's work from beginning to end."

—The Rev. Louisa Groce, 2017

in July and we had a total of 21 volunteers.

Communications Team - Amy Wagenknecht: The Communication Team met several times via Zoom in July. We are working on several projects: Developing a new ULC logo, developing a strategy for unifying our communications across multiple platforms and

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An Embarrassment of Riches

From the September 1999 Lux:

Pastor George Madsen states in his “Words and Deeds” *Lux* article, “The ALPHA, the ancient, venerable symbol of new beginnings at ULC is at hand! At hand is the full fall program of worship, education, fellowship, campus ministry, youth ministry, family ministry, music, prayer, service, and much more.”

He continues, “It is a year to grow in every regard. We certainly have the facilities. They have already opened new doors for our ministry here. God is always opening doors for faithful people. As a council and as a congregation, we have but begun to reexamine our vision and commitments to mission and ministry. It is all but boundless.

A German biblical scholar of this century, Rudolf Bultmann is famous for his commentary on the Gospel of



A beautiful facility, a talented staff and a wonderful congregation.

John. At the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, as John relates it, is the wonderful story of Jesus turning water into wine at a wedding party. There Jesus acts contrary to the world’s expectations. Whereas the world serves the good wine first and then, when people have drunk freely, the bad wine, it is said of Jesus, ‘You have kept the good wine until now.’ That ‘good wine,’ Bultmann says, refers to everything that Jesus is determined to give.

That, Bultmann says, is an ‘embarrassment of riches.’ We have been given at University Lutheran

Church ‘an embarrassment of riches’ which we as a congregation are given to enjoy, employ, share, cultivate...and more. The same Jesus who sets out to give ‘good wine’ also promises in John’s Gospel never to leave his followers alone but come to them. That is a sure way to begin the year ahead!”

At ULC we may not have a newly remodeled church that creates discussions of new ways to do ministry, but we do have a pandemic that changes how everything is done. As Pastor George says, this is a time to examine our newly opened doors and reexamine our vision and commitments to ministries. “It is all but boundless.” Jesus promises in John’s Gospel never to leave his followers alone but to come to them. For now, that is in our homes!

Connie Lenkowski

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attended a virtual workshop in July called “Same Page Session” by Sarah Best. This workshop provided us with a method/format for quarterly planning to promote ULC activities across several platforms. We will be sharing some of the information learned with other teams in the coming weeks.

Two closed ULC Facebook Groups have been proposed – “Prayers & Posts,” a group for ULC members and close friends to share prayer concerns and celebrations and “ULC Doing Racial Justice.”

where racial justice ideas, concerns and materials can be shared and discussed.

Facility-Dale Romsos: A membrane installed last Fall outside the wall of the men’s basement bathroom has prevented further water seepage and damage to the drywall. The drywall is now being repaired and the wall will be painted.

Memorial Garden-Pat Lee: Plaques for Charlie Downs and Sharonlee Burmeister have been attached to the stones.

Are You Struggling to Learn How to Zoom?

Check out a new step-by-step resource on using Zoom to participate in virtual meetings. It’s located under the “Resources” tab on the ULC Website.

August Birthdays

1 Marcia Schultz
3 Eston Dawson-Baglien
Roy Weber
Joanne Boettcher
Will Carlson
5 Dan Christian
Corbin Davis
6 Douglas McKinstry
8 Kendall Bubolz
9 Jesse Archer
10 Cathy Lazar
Nick Guilfoyle
12 Aaron Williams
13 Frederick Fensel
14 George Bubolz
Samuel Fitzgerald
Sean Page
15 Coreen Williams
16 Loretta Geisen
Grace Sype
17 Thomas Wanagat
18 Carl Ericksen
19 Thomas Kissling
21 Michael Kruger
22 Elizabeth Ortwine
23 Sherry Corwin



25 Mailee Greiter
27 Barbara Anderson
Lynn Kotnik
28 Samantha Ernst
Laura Kruger
Sue Martin
29 Stephanie Hall

August Wedding Anniversaries

1 Emmett & Karen Braselton
Lois Mummaw & Greg Hill
2 Adam & Susan Fisher
6 Donna & Gary Carl
8 Justin & Alicia Barterian
Jeff & Wendy Guilfoyle
9 Dawn Newton & Tim
Dalton
Tom & Diane Wanagat
10 Barry & Lanae Williams
Matthew & Emily Heidrick
15 Rick & Deanna Milligan
16 Laura Appel & Gary

Garbarino
17 Jeff Williams & Joy Whitten
18 Norm & Kirstan Jolin
21 Gary Dawson & Julie
Baglien
Diane & John Goddeeris
Richard & Jennifer Tracy
Robert & Anne Smith
24 Gary & Loretta Geisen
26 Steve & Kristi Sneed
27 Dave & Kristie Wiggert
30 Jerry & Nancy Lindman
31 Bryn & Pr. Haley Vay
Craig & Cathy Lazar

September Birthdays

6 Paul Kindel
7 Brandon Baswell
8 Jonathan Wagenknecht
10 Dale Harpstead
12 Karen Holden
14 Louise Harder
Max Helser
15 Cathy Clugston
16 Matthew Uebel
18 Lindsay Sadler
Paul Kotnik
Craig Satterlee
19 Cindy Baswell
Sandy Davis
Lisa Swem

20 Marilyn Johnson
21 Russel Erickson
Robert Smith
22 Gabrielle Gallagher
24 James Cox
25 Kathy Bracken
Bryan Wagenknecht
26 Jeffrey Guilfoyle
Mark Johnson
Adelyn Karcher
27 Donna Carl
Henry McPhall
28 Augusta Archer
29 Vera Shaw
30 Phyllis Kost

September Wedding Anniversaries

7 David & Debbie Gift
12 Dale & Mary Harpstead
72 Years!
Jay & Myra Kim
16 Andrew Hagman & Erin
Frisch
Bryan & Brie McPhall
Craig & Wanda Ophaug
17 Mark & Marilyn Johnson
18 David & Cindy Ramsey
24 Jesse & Augusta Archer
Travis and Tali Hylen
30 Jordan & Britny Pollard

Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk is Virtual This Year

Every year CROP Walks are held throughout the U.S. to raise funds to support the mission of Church World Services as they respond to global hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Twenty five percent of the funds raised in the Greater Lansing Walk are returned to our community to support local hunger fighting efforts.



Please enjoy this virtual walk video [HERE](#) and consider going to:

www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi/ULC atMSU to sponsor our ULC walkers or to

sign up to be a walker.

Questions: Contact me at mkotnik@comcast.net

Mary Kotnik



The deadline for the Oct. Lux is **Friday, Sept. 18.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and Britny Pollard at ulcsec@ulcel.org or place them in the Lux mailbox in the ULC office. Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Keep those wonderful articles coming! Thanks!



- 16 10:00a Worship-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Virtual Coffee Hour-Zoom
(Contact office for link)
- 17 10:00a Communication Team-Zoom
- 2:00p Racial Justice: Communications-Zoom
- 18 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom
- 10:00a Prayers & Squares
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 19 11:00a Worship Wednesday for kids-Zoom
- Noon Lectio Divina-Zoom
- 23 10:00a Worship-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Virtual Coffee Hour-Zoom
(Contact office for link)
- 26 11:00a Worship Wednesday for kids-Zoom
- Noon Lectio Divina via Zoom
- 27 4:30p Food Distribution-contact free
- 30 10:00a Worship-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Virtual Coffee Hour-Zoom
(Contact office for link)



- 1 10:00a Prayers & Squares
- 7:00p Pub Theology via Zoom
- 2 11:00a Worship Wednesday for kids-Zoom
- 6 10:00a Worship-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Virtual Coffee Hour-Zoom
(Contact office for link)
- 8 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom
- 12:30p Staff Meeting via Zoom
- 6:30p Racial Justice Team-Zoom
- 9 Noon Lectio Divina via Zoom
- 3:30p Worship Wednesdays for Kids-Zoom

- 13 10:00a Worship (GWOH Sunday)-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Sunday Forum (ULC Art)-Zoom
(Contact office for link)
- 15 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom
- 10:00a Prayers & Squares
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 16 Noon Lectio Divina-Zoom
- 3:30p Worship Wednesday for kids-Zoom
- 6:30p ULC Council-Zoom
- 20 10:00a Worship (Alpha Sunday)-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Sunday Forum (Bible study)-Zoom
(Contact office for link)
- 22 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 23 Noon Lectio Divina-Zoom
- 3:30p Worship Wednesday for kids-Zoom
- 24 4:30p Food Movers-Contact free)
- 27 10:00a Worship (Alpha Sunday)-Facebook Live
- 11:00a Sunday Forum (Bible study)-Zoom
(Contact office for link)
- 29 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom
- 10:00a Prayers & Squares
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 30 Noon Lectio Divina-Zoom
- 3:30p Worship Wednesday for kids-Zoom

Pandemic Pals

Thanks to the generosity of spirit within ULC, we now have 23 volunteers participating in this temporary in-house ministry (originally started by Britny Pollard and Pastor Haley Vay Beaman) whose purpose is to keep in regular touch with the congregation for as long as there is need to shelter-in-place and/or duration of the pandemic. Volunteers are contacting their assigned "pandemic pals" in a variety of ways: Email, U.S. mail, text, and telephone, and from the feedback I've received so far, those doing the contacting are deriving as much pleasure from this outreach as those being contacted. Additional volunteers are always welcome.

Linda Trevarthen

ULC Facilities Closed

Due to the COVID19 emergency the ULC building will remain closed until further notice. Check the ULC website www.ulcel.org for further updates.

Please don't hesitate to call if there is a need. The church office phone (517-332-2559) is connected to my personal cell phone during the day.

Britny Pollard

Michigan has "No Reason" absentee voting, meaning any registered voter in Michigan has the right to vote by absentee ballot. If you did not receive an application for an absentee ballot, you can still request one in-person from your city or township clerk, or online.



If you apply in person, you will need a photo ID and/or proof of residency such as a driver's license or utility bill. Online, go to Michigan.gov/VOTE to register to vote and find answers to other voting questions. If you do not have online access, you can call the Secretary of State toll-free at 888.767.6424.



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Kristie Wiggert
Julie Baglien
Organists

Louise Paquette
Director of Handbells

Join is in Creating School Kits!

This year donations will be collected by drive-thru drop off at ULC on Sept. 9 and 13 from 4 -6 p.m. Please consider donating one or more of the following items for the kits. Our goal is 50 kits, and we need your help with supplies. If you have any questions please contact me at cindylou1940@yahoo.com.

200 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper; no loose leaf

50 30-centimeter rulers, or rulers with cm on one side, inches on other

50 Pencil sharpeners

50 pairs of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades)

250 Black or blue ballpoint pens

50 Boxes of 16 or 24 count crayons

50 2½" erasers

250 Pencils



Cindy Baswell