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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Directory Photo Sessions
Oct. 3-19

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 13 - Noon

CROP Walk
Sunday, Oct. 13 -1:30 p.m.
Grace United Methodist, Lansing

Organ Dedication
Sunday, Oct. 20
Hymn Festival at 4 p.m.

Food Movers
Thursday, Oct. 24
Fellowship Hall
Set-up 3:30 p.m.
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat
Sunday, Oct. 27 – 4 p.m.

Racial Justice Workshop
Begins Friday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m.

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God's People Working Together

A Lutheran, a Muslim and a Methodist walked into a Fellowship Hall – and did great things together to feed hungry people! For the fifth time in as many years, members from ULC and our next-door neighbors at the Islamic Center worked together to package over 10,000 dehydrated meals. And for the first time (and we hope this is the beginning of a long tradition), we were joined by our other neighbors from University United Methodist Church.



10,000 meals packed by interfaith neighbors.

Over 80 people, including six MSU students, gave of their time to package the meals. When cooked in boiling water, each package containing mixture of rice, protein powder, vitamins and dehydrated vegetables provides a meal for six children or three adults. One third of the meals were donated to the MSU Student Food Bank, one third were used for domestic disaster relief (likely to those impacted by Hurricane Dorian), and one third were used for international hunger relief.

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Celebrate the Updated Organ!

Hymn Festival Sunday, Oct. 20 4 p.m.

Featuring Dr. Michael Burkhardt,
Artist-Professor of Organ at Eastern Michigan University

Read more details on page 9.

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

Stewardship & Generosity

As we move into the month of October there is a lot going on. It should be a wonderful month!

On Sunday, Oct. 13, we will celebrate the baptism of Eva Beaman and then following worship we will have a special Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws. On Sunday, Oct. 20 we will dedicate our newly rebuilt organ in worship and then at 4 p.m. that afternoon we will celebrate with a Hymn Festival led by Dr. Michael Burkhardt. On Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27 we celebrate the Reformation and the beginning of our stewardship emphasis.

Now, maybe stewardship doesn't seem like it's up there with baptism, a new organ or celebrating Reformation. But over the years I've come to understand how important stewardship is -- not simply for our congregation (even though good stewardship is what funds our ministry). Stewardship and

generosity are important for living out our faith!

First, I've learned that generosity is one of the most important ways that we put our faith into action.

Generosity is basic to being a follower of Jesus. God has blessed us incredibly, and with that blessing comes significant responsibility, the responsibility to use our blessings not only for our own sake, but also for the sake of the world God so loves. And so we live as generous people, giving a significant portion of our money to do God's work in the world.

Second, in my own faith journey I've discovered that money has a lot of power in our world, in our culture, and in our lives. It seems like we never have enough. We always want more. And when we have more, we want still more. Money has significant power over us. What I've discovered though, is that by giving away a significant portion of my money, it helps to loosen money's

power over me! I learn that I can live with less. I learn that I don't need as much as I may think I need. And it helps to control the desire to have more and better.

Finally, being generous helps me to be involved in God's work in the world. On Oct. 27 in worship, we'll hear about how our giving supports ministry in our church and community. On Nov. 3, we'll hear about how our giving supports ministry throughout our synod and country. And on Nov. 10, Bishop Satterlee will be with us to preach and share how our giving supports ministry throughout the world.

And, as we grow in our generosity, we become more like God! *For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.* 2 Corinthians 8:9

May God be at work in all of us to grow our generosity,

Pastor Gary



Nuts and Bolts of Giving at ULC

Greetings to you from the Stewardship Team! First and foremost, thank you for all the generous financial giving to our shared ministry at University Lutheran church. We want to share how financial giving works at ULC. First, when you make a financial pledge to ULC, this matter is between God, you and our financial administrator, Kristy Stuart. Please know that ULC keeps this your decisions in confidence. Also, know that Kristy Stuart is the person you need to ask to if you have questions about your giving or want to change how you give to our church. Generally, she is at her office on Tuesdays, but it's wise to call the office to make sure.

Second, there are two different ways to give money to ULC. Each year we order offering envelopes and they are made available in December for the next year. Each envelope box has a number, which is how the record of your contribution is kept. If you use church envelopes,

please do not use last year's envelopes if your number has changed.

Electronic giving is the other way you can give financially to ULC. There are many ways to do this. First, if you are a member of the MSU Federal Credit Union, monies can be directed from your account to ULC. You may also use Pay Pal. If you wish to change to any method of electronic giving, set up an account through Kristy Stuart. If you wish to designate some of your giving, i.e. Outreach of the Month, let Kristy know via email.

Our yearly Stewardship season begins Sunday Oct. 27 and continues to Nov. 10 which will be Pledge Sunday. I will be glad to answer any questions. Thank you for your generous giving, now and in the future.

Michael Anderson, Stewardship Team

A Workshop for White People

Embracing the Call to Racial Justice

In response to goals set by the Council at our February 2019 retreat, our commitment to continually strive to eliminate prejudice from our thoughts and actions and discourage prejudice by others at every opportunity, and our witness to an alarming resurgence of white supremacy, we are holding **EMBRACING THE CALL TO RACIAL JUSTICE: A Workshop Series for White People**. This interactive workshop will address how white people can move through places where they often get stuck, so they can step up with courage, humility, and compassion to participate in movements led by people of color. This is an intensive series for white people who seek to deepen their commitment to confronting white privilege and challenging racism in all its forms.

Join us! Participation is limited to 20 and registration is required. **You can sign-up by emailing epfrisch@gmail.com by Oct. 25.** Lunch and/or snacks will be provided. We will meet in the Fireside Room on:

- Friday, Nov. 1 (7pm - 9pm)
- Saturday, Nov. 2 (9am – 4 pm) Lunch provided
- Sunday, Nov. 10 (1pm - 4 pm)
- Sunday, Nov. 17 (1pm - 4 pm)
- Friday, Nov. 22 (7pm – 9pm)
- Saturday, Nov. 23 (9am – 4 pm) Lunch provided

Attendance at all the sessions is required in order to facilitate continuity, in-depth reflection, and community. The information and activities covered in each session will build on the previous sessions.

What's involved? You will be asked to read 3-4 brief articles prior to the first session. Using input from the leader, assigned readings, videos, group discussion, and structured exercises, we will explore the following topics and issues, among others:

- The four realms of racism: personal, interpersonal, institutional, and cultural
- Historical roots of racism in the U.S.
- Movements for racial justice in the U.S.
- White privilege and unearned advantage
- Claiming and shaping an anti-racist identity
- Practicing the skills of interrupting racism
- How to sustain this lifelong work

- Developing relationships of support and accountability



Who's leading? Melanie S. Morrison, Ph.D., is founder and executive director of Allies for Change and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. As a racial justice educator, activist, and author, she has 30 years experience designing and facilitating transformational group process. In 1994, she founded Doing Our Own Work, an intensive anti-racism seminar for white people that has attracted hundreds of participants throughout the United States and Canada. Passionate about writing, her latest book -- *Murder on Shades Mountain: The Legal Lynching of Willie Peterson and the Struggle for Justice in Jim Crow Birmingham* -- was published by Duke University Press in March. Dr. Morrison believes it is possible to grow ever more aware of the depth and complexity of injustice without surrendering our capacity for compassion, joy, and hope.

A workshop for white people? Isn't that racist? The model for this series was begun in response to people of color who said they were weary of white people turning to them -- expecting to be educated about racism or advised what to do when racist words, behaviors, or policies were at play. We will engage in the deep work of examining white supremacy and white privilege, so that we might become trust-worthy allies in the struggle to dismantle racism.

Our hope is that this series can help spare people of color the repetitious and often hurtful patterns that many white people go through as they begin to perceive racism. Expressions of shock, disbelief, and denial are frequently uttered by white people as they confront the depth of racism. Such expressions can be toxic for people of color and our aim is to absorb them here.

Questions? Contact Pastor Gary Bunge garybunge@sbcglobal.net, Erin Frisch epfrisch@gmail.com, Joy Oslund joyaoslund@gmail.com, Miriam Bunge pinkmiriam@sbcglobal.net or Sue Kamens suealkmn@aol.com.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this life-giving and life-changing work. You won't regret it!

*Erin Frisch
ULC President-Elect*

FRIDAY @ FIVE

Every Friday at 5 p.m. students gather at ULC for a meal and fellowship, service opportunities, and a variety of speakers that engage in faith, life, and justice issues. The first Friday of every month we enjoy a meal provided by friends in the congregation. If you are interested in providing a meal for students, please contact Pastor Haley Vay. Available "First Fridays" include Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6.

NEW!

Monday Night Bible Study

Young adults are welcome to a weekly on-campus Bible study on Mondays, with a soft-start at 6:30 p.m. and concluding by 8 p.m. We'll gather outside on the Wells Hall Quad and move indoors when the weather changes. Each week we

focus on scripture from the Narrative Lectionary between Sundays. Come as you are and when you're able! All young adults are welcome; you don't need to be a student to attend. Contact Student Associate, Andrew Earle at anearle24@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe chat and receive updates.

NEW! Young Adult Book Club

Join us for our next monthly book discussion on Tuesday, October 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m. when we will discuss *Why We Belong* by Anthony Chute. Each month we will dive into a different book that helps us explore faith and life together. The September book was "Accidental Saints" by Pastor Nadia Bolz Weber. Free copies of the book are available in the Student Associates office, so please let us know if you're

interested. Contact Student Associate, Megan Kotnik, at kotnikme@msu.edu for more information and to receive updates through the GroupMe chat. The November discussion will be held Nov. 19.

Get Connected!

If you are interested in knowing more about our campus ministry events, please contact Student Associate Jack Walch (walchjoh@msu.edu) to be added to our email communication--we promise not to flood your inbox. If you would like a ride to worship on Sunday morning, please contact Student Associate Eric Podolsky (ericspodolsky@gmail.com) by the prior Saturday at 5pm.

Pastor Haley Vay

God's Work. Our Hands.



Planning team: Thasin Sardar (Islamic Center), Vicki Anderson (ULC), and Bob Ulrich (UUMC)



Harrison Road neighbors from the Islamic Center, University United Methodist Church and ULC joined together to pack 10,000 dehydrated meals on Sept, 22.



Rice, dehydrated vegetables, protein powder, and vitamins are packaged to feed three adults.



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On behalf of the planning team, thank you to all who helped by donating money to purchase the dried ingredients (each faith community contributed \$1,000), setting up and taking down the tables and equipment, packaging and boxing the food, serving refreshments (provided through a Thrivent Action Team), and delivering the packed meals to the MSU Student Food Bank.

God's work. Our hands.

Vicki Anderson

Family Faith Formation

Sunday School Open House and LWR School Kit Assembly

We had a wonderful time getting acquainted with our leaders and students on the first day of Sunday School! Afterward, children of all ages worked together to assemble school kits for children in need, in partnership with Lutheran World Relief (LWR). A big shout out and THANKS to Ellie Korroch for sewing all of the amazingly detailed and beautiful school kit bags for this Sunday School service project each year!

Nursery News

Our “new” nursery, located in the rear of the sanctuary (the old Cry Room), will be fully staffed each week during our program year and is available for children ages three and under.

Save the Date!

Children's Christmas play practice begins on Sunday mornings starting Oct. 27. The Christmas play will be Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:45 a.m.

Join us for **Trunk or Treat** – Everyone! Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m.

What is Trunk or Treat? Individuals, families, or teams sign up for a parking spot, choose a theme and decorate your open trunk, wear costumes (optional, but

encouraged!), bring a chair to chill, enjoy hot dogs and hot cocoa. Grab a flyer in the narthex, or take a photo of this announcement, and share it with friends!

Trunk set-up begins at 3 p.m. Trick-or-Treat begins at 4 pm. Come “trick out your trunk” or just enjoy the spirit of fun and fellowship in this intergenerational event! (Trick-or-treaters do not need to sign up--trunks owners only.) See Pastor Haley Vay with questions.

Some popular trunk themes include: Christmas in October, Hawaiian Luau, Country Western, Superheroes, Camping, and Favorite Children’s Books



Candy & Snack Donations for Trunk or Treat

Located under the TRUNK or TREAT sign-up display in the narthex, we are collecting candy or pre-packaged snack donations (nut-free, please) to help supplement each trunk. If you're not able to join us for the event, consider participating with a contribution of candy or snacks. Donations needed by **Friday, Oct. 25.**

Pastor Haley Vay

Youth Ministry Notes

This time of year is my favorite for many reasons – football season, sweatshirt weather, the campus comes alive for the start of another semester. It also means I get to welcome a new group of confirmation students to the fun! This year we have three 8th graders and three 7th graders ready to learn and grow together.

Sept. 4 was our first Wednesday evening class and we kicked things off with a wonderful potluck (we are Lutherans after all). The parents had the opportunity to join in and see the curriculum. At the end of the evening, while Pastors Gary and

Haley Vay met with parents, I took the students to play some ice breakers and start planning our fellowship and service events for the year. They shared “highs” (good things that happened over the week) of not failing any classes yet and “lows” (struggles from the week) of waking up early for school. The excitement and smiles throughout the evening were palpable.



I feel incredibly blessed to walk with each of these kids through their confirmation years and am thankful for the opportunity to be a leader guide again this year. It is a chance to see things through their lenses and grow in my own faith. The last two years of helping out have been amazing, and I cannot wait to see what this year will bring!

Louise Harder

October Forum Topics are Diverse and Exciting!

Oct. 6 - Worship Expressions ULC director of music, Janine Novenske Smith will join us to talk about Worship Expressions. How did this wonderful series come about? What does it take to put a Worship Expressions service together (more than you can imagine!) and why is ULC so invested in it? Learn all this and more and enjoy a sneak peek into future plans.



Oct. 20 - One Community Campus Ministry Campus Ministry Student Associates will share thoughts, experiences, and plans about young adult and campus ministry.

Oct. 27 - The Great Spiritual Migration Pastor Gary introduces part one of a dynamic and thought-provoking four-part series entitled: The Great Spiritual Migration. "In The Great Spiritual Migration, Brian McLaren argues that in order to survive, Christianity must shift away from an outdated system of beliefs to a way of life based on love. In order to achieve this, McLaren outlines three migrations: spiritually, Christians focus less on doctrine and more on the abiding life of love made manifest in Jesus; theologically, a new way of reading Scripture shifts away from literalism and toward a more generous, literary approach; and missionally, the new way of life leads to "organizing religion" rather than organized religion, in which spiritual activists are committed to ecological, economic, and interfaith concerns."

Oct. 13 - Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center Tammy Hannah, President and CEO of Origami Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center, will provide a much-anticipated follow-up to her forum last year about this wonderful non-profit organization which offers a continuum of care for individuals who have sustained a brain injury. More than medical care, Origami works as a team, bringing together committed professionals who use a unique interdisciplinary approach and a network of community resources to meet the physical, social, spiritual, cognitive, and emotional needs of those who have sustained a brain injury.

Linda Trevarthen



ULC Memorial Library

Check Out Our New Look!

The ULC Library received a "makeover" this summer. Because we were running out of shelving space, the Library Team decided to move some of the existing shelves to an area where they were needed. We removed the kiosk that held the adult fiction and DVD's which gave us room for two new shelves. The adult fiction books fit beautifully in this new space, and they are much easier to look at and remove from the shelves. These shelves are a gift of Sharon Bandlow in memory of her parents, Marlynn and Ruth Bandlow.



The ULC Library received a makeover this summer.

The library now has more room and three distinct areas for relaxing and

viewing the materials available – the children's area with books for our youngest members and tables and a beanbag just for them; the new fiction area with comfortable seating;

and the non-fiction area with the table for sitting and finding just the right information.

Members are welcome to check-out materials for three weeks. Please sign the card in the back of the book with your name and phone number. There is a listing of subjects with titles in a binder on the library desk to help you find materials on a specific topic.

If you haven't visited the library lately, we hope you will come down and stay. There is a lot to see. The library is open whenever the church is open. You are most welcome!

The Library Team



ULC Book Club

What Books Should We Read This Year?

The ULC Book Club will meet on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. in the ULC Memorial Library. We will be

selecting our books for the upcoming year. Please join us in this discussion. All are welcome.

Judy Kindel

ULC Book Nook Open to Serve our Community

During Alpha Sunday worship services Sept. 15 the new ULC Book Nook was dedicated. If you haven't checked it out yet, please take the opportunity to look for it along Harrison Road near the bus stop.

This outreach project will operate as a book donation site and not as a lending library. The content will be managed by Beth Rahe with the help of Connie Lenkowski, the Library Team, and the Evangelism Team.

Please do not place any books directly in the Little Library. If you have materials you feel would be appropriate, please give them to a member of the Evangelism Team so they can be added to a record of inventory before being presented to the public. Children's books can still be placed in the designated basket located in the narthex.

The library will contain adult Bibles, children's Bibles, Christian fiction



The ULC Book Nook is located near the bus stop in front of the church.

for adults and young adults, children's books emphasizing God's love for all of creation, devotionals, Christian memoirs, magazines such as Gather and Living Lutheran, as well as our ULC Visitor's Guide and welcome pamphlets. We also plan to include materials in Spanish and Mandarin as they become available.

It is our goal to use this library to fulfill Jesus' commandment to love one another by extending this love to all those who pass by our church, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, and to inform the community of our mission and outreach activities here at ULC. Please talk to one of our team members if you have any questions. Your prayers and continued support for this exciting project are appreciated.

The Evangelism Team owes a huge debt of gratitude to Sandy Davis and Jim Lorenz who built the beautiful structure to resemble a miniature version of our church building. We also want to thank the family of Walt Appel for supporting the book nook in Walt's honor.

*The Evangelism Team
Beth Rahe, Bryan Rahe, Clarke Anderson, Annette Stanley, Tony Perez, and Eric Podolsky*

We Need EVERYONE in the ULC Directory

It's not too late to sign up for our upcoming photography event! Photography session times are fast approaching, but slots are still available. We need all families to sign up. Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected.



Plan on **one hour** for your photography session (including check-in, photography, and viewing your portraits). Pets and meaningful props (such as musical instruments or sports equipment) are welcome.

In addition to your complimentary 8x10 photo, you will have the opportunity to

purchase additional portraits on the day of your portrait session if you are interested, although no purchase is necessary. This is a great opportunity for an updated family photograph, for a meaningful gift to your parents or grandparents, or for a professional portrait for your resume or professional publications.

Lifetouch's portrait price lists are available in the church office and at the Sunday registration table for those who would like them prior to photography.

Sign up today! Our directory won't be complete without you!

*Linda Trevarthen,
Pictorial Directory Coordinator*

Sign-up is EASY!

- Online at our church website at www.ulcel.org or Facebook page
- In person any Sunday following both services
- By phone via the office at 517-332-2559 to connect to Linda Trevarthen who can sign you up or answer any questions.

Photography Dates

Thursday – Friday	Oct. 3-4	2:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 5	9:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday	Oct. 16-18	2:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 19	9:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars . . .



Worship Expressions ~ Global
Sunday, Nov.10 at 10:45 a.m.



Worship Expressions ~ Jazz
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 4 p.m.
Followed by the Advent
Dinner

Children's Choir - First Rehearsal
Sunday, Oct. 13 - 9:40 to 10 a.m.
Youth Music Room
Student Director, Mitchell Eithun

Meet Our 2019 – 20 Senior Choir Scholarship Students

Mitchell Eithun, Student Director of the ULC Children's Choir, is a church-hopping, apocalypse-loving, ecumenist with a passion for music, justice and community. Mitchell has served as handbell director at the First Presbyterian Church of Holt since August 2018. Aside from arranging and composing handbell music, Mitchell is interested in developing innovative rehearsal techniques and writing about the history of church music. Mitchell also works to bring multi-denominational liturgical practices to the campus community through Campus Edge Fellowship. At ULC, Mitchell has been involved in One Community Campus Ministry, sings with the New Hope Singers and the Senior Choir and served as photographer on mission trips to Charleston, SC and Savannah, GA.

Mitchell has over twenty published pieces of handbell music and has recently received commissions from Bells of the Lakes (Minneapolis, MN) and the Pensacola Children's Chorus (Pensacola, FL). He holds a B.A. in Mathematics and Computer Science and a minor in Music from Ripon College (Ripon, WI) and has nearly completed an M.S. in Computational Mathematics, Science and Engineering at MSU. You can read his blog at hymnblog.com.

Adam Krause, bass, is a sophomore vocal performance major in the College of Music at MSU. He is a member of the MSU State Singers



Left to right: Zach Sneed, Mitchell Eithun, Adam Krause, Divira Pahwa, and Chey Nevins

and is studying voice with Professor Embree. Adam grew up in Haslett and attended the Haslett Public Schools. He has participated in many musicals and operas, including *Die Fledermaus*, *Beauty and the Beast*, as Greylag in *Honk!*, and as Mr. Macafee in *Bye, Bye, Birdie*. Adam is a second-year choir scholarship student at ULC, and this is also his second year singing with the New Hope Singers. He is happy to be back and to be a part of the ULC community.

Chey Nevins, alto, is excited to be at ULC this year as a choir scholarship recipient. She graduated from Okemos High School in 2019 and is now attending Lansing Community College and MSU. She has taken voice lessons with Janine Novenske Smith, for the past four years. In high school Chey sang in the choirs, played French horn in band and participated in the musicals. Last year she played Tanya in *Mama Mia* at OHS. Although she is not pursuing music as a career, Chey lives and breathes it in her free time and is so

grateful for the opportunity to share music with you all!

Divira Pahwa, soprano, is a first-year student at Lansing Community College and plans to transfer to MSU in the fall of 2020. She studies voice with Professor Rick Fracker at MSU. Divira graduated from Haslett High School in 2019. At Haslett Divira participated in many choirs and musicals and plays, including as Sarah Brown in

Guys and Dolls and as Fay in *Dolls of New Albion*. Divira is a first-year choir scholarship student at ULC, singing with the Senior Choir and New Hope Singers. She is excited to be here and is thankful for the opportunity!

Zack Sneed, tenor, is a sophomore at MSU with majors in Linguistics and Arabic, and a minor in Security Management. This is his second year as a scholarship student at ULC, singing with the Senior Choir and New Hope Singers. Zack attended Haslett High School where he participated in several choirs and musicals. Zack has also sung with State Singers at MSU, as well as performing improv theater with the Roial Players. Zack also plays guitar and bass. His interests include rowing with the MSU Crew, language, and performance. Zack is a "handsome young man," and would like to thank his parents and Janine for their support.

*Janine Novenske Smith
ULC Director of Music*

Hymn Festival to Celebrate Newly Renovated Organ

On Oct. 20 at 4 p.m., the ULC Senior Choir and the Handbell Choir will join with guest artist/organist Dr. Michael Burkhardt to present a Hymn Festival. The presentation will celebrate the completion of the newly renovated and enlarged ULC Organ. The service will consist of hymns and readings that celebrate the role of music in the church as well as the fall festivals of the church year.

In addition to the ULC Handbell Choir, a brass quartet will also accompany the singing of some of the hymns. The hymns included are:



A Mighty Fortress is Our God; Amazing Grace; The Church's One Foundation; We Are Called; Crown Him with Many Crowns; Now Thank We All Our God; Praise to the Lord, the

Almighty; All Creatures Worship God Most High; Go My Children with My Blessing; and When in Our Music God is Glorified

The Senior Choir will present an anthem arranged by Dr. Burkhardt. We will also be treated to a Prelude, Offertory, and an improvised Postlude by Dr. Burkhardt that will show off the qualities of the new

organ. A reception will follow the Hymn Festival with an opportunity to informally meet the artist. You will also be welcome to explore the new organ with ULC organists Kristie Wiggert and me available to answer any questions.

The worship team is so grateful to the congregation for their support of the organ project. Although the completion took much longer than expected, we are so excited to share the results with the congregation and community. Come and bring your friends!

*Julie Baglien
ULC Organist*

About the Artist . . .

Dr. Michael Burkhardt

Michael Burkhardt grew up in the small rural village of Howards Grove, Wisconsin. There he was active in the Lutheran church, singing in the children's choir. His grandmother, a self-trained church organist, taught him a few songs on piano and a rookie pastor offered free lessons on piano and then organ.

By eighth grade, Michael was playing for worship. It was a live performance of Paul Mann's *Partita on St. Anne* that convinced him that his future would have to involve music.

Dr. Burkhardt earned his undergraduate degree from Carthage College, where he fell in love with teaching young children. He then earned a Master's degree from Southern Methodist University and a doctorate from Arizona State.

Dr. Burkhardt continues to enjoy teaching children in grades 2-7 through the *Hearts, Hands, and Voices* Worship and Fine Arts Program and teaching college



students at Eastern Michigan University where he is Artist-Professor of Organ. This also shows his commitment to the idea that the arts are for everyone.

Dr. Burkhardt feels that hymns provide one opportunity for people to come together and sing regardless of any musical training. Hymns connect them with people past and present as well as all geographic areas of the world.

In an article in *EMU Today*, Burkhardt talks about his Hymn Festivals and Workshops and says that he tries "to create an experience that captures a glimpse of the context, both historical and cultural, in which the hymn was born." We will experience this firsthand on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m., when ULC hosts Dr. Burkhardt as the guest artist at the Hymn Festival celebrating the completion of our newly renovated and enlarged organ.

*Julie Baglien
ULC Organist*

A Look Back at the 1985 Organ Dedication

From the Jan. 1985 Lux: After seventeen months of intense work on the part of organ restorer Dana Hull and dozens of volunteers, particularly senior citizens, our “new” 1866 Hamill organ will be dedicated at the 10:45 a.m. service, January 6, 1985. At 4:00 p.m. that afternoon the first recital will be presented by John Courter of the Music Department, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. Everyone is invited to this free concert.



Dedication of the “new” Hamill organ in 1985.

Purchased in the summer of 1983, the organ was brought from Medford (Boston), Massachusetts in August 1983. During the fall and winter many long hours were spent in cleaning, stripping, oiling and painting the old parts. Some parts had to be sent back to Andover (Boston) for repair and new parts were purchased there and in Cleveland, Ohio. In addition, a third rank of pipes and an electric blower were sent from Germany.

Last spring a new platform was built for the new organ after the old organ was dismantled, sold, and shipped to Wisconsin. Fortunately, many volunteers were available for this arduous work. In April the superstructure began to rise on the platform and subsequently all the pipes, mechanical elements and casings were put into place. The organ has been in use for the past few weeks for parts of the Sunday morning services. On Sunday, December 2, 1984, Dana Hull and

Kristie Wiggert explained and demonstrated the organ at Forum.

Most of the organ has been paid for by memorial gifts, contributions and pledges, and by a grant from the Lutheran Brotherhood. However, a loan of \$3,000 still needs to be repaid.

At the Dedication Recital, on January 6th, a brochure listing the specifications of the organ

and telling its history will be distributed. Also included in this publication will be the names of those in whose memory money was contributed.

Special thanks should go to Co-chairman Paul Schneider and Elmer Miller and to the members of the Organ Committee who devoted many hours to the completion of this worthy project.

*Wally Sue
Organ Committee Member*

Earthkeeping News

Paris to Pittsburgh at Studio C

With increasingly deadly storms, rising sea levels, and destructive wildfires, the consequences of climate change are becoming clearer every day. But the same people who are experiencing its impacts are also uniquely positioned to create solutions—and leaders from around the U.S. are doing just that.

University Lutheran Church along with other local faith communities are hosting a FREE screening of a new National Geographic film titled **Paris to Pittsburgh** at Studio C theatre in Okemos on Tuesday



evening, **Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.** Following the screening, Pastor John Schleicher will host a conversation about the movie.

We hope that you will come to learn what we, as communities of faith, based on long held religious beliefs to speak out and lead, can do to care for the earth upon which we all depend for our health and well-being.

Judy Kindel

Annual CROP WALK to End Hunger

This year ULC's Crop Walk team is led by Mary Kotnik. The three-mile Crop Walk takes place on Sunday, Oct. 13 beginning at Grace United Methodist Church. Sign-in time is 1 p.m., with the walk starting at 2 p.m. To join our team and get more info contact Mary at mkotnik@comcast.net or visit the website: www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi



day. Building upon this legacy, CROP Hunger Walkers today are taking steps to not only end hunger for today, but forever.

While the CROP effort has seen a variety of acronyms and the logo has changed, one thing has remained consistent: compassionate volunteers throughout the US have chosen to walk because others must walk to survive and in doing so, they have inspired others to donate to build a more peaceful, equitable and just world.

For 50 years, Americans have been stepping up to end hunger for neighbors around the block and around the world.

\$5	2 CANS OF CORN In Haiti	OR	HYGIENE EDUCATION for children In Cambodia
\$50	A MEDICAL KIT In Myanmar	OR	DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAINING In West Timor
\$500	A LATRINE In Haiti	OR	5 PIGS In Haiti
\$5,000	A SANITARY TOILET In Vietnam	OR	2 ROOFTOP WATER SYSTEMS In Bolivia

In 1969, youth in Bismarck, North Dakota and York County, Pennsylvania held the first ever charity walkathon in the US and birthed the CROP Hunger Walk movement, inspiring communities throughout the US to join them. Today, 44 states host Church World Service sponsored CROP Hunger Walks with the same goal: a world where every child has enough healthy food every

CROP walkers believe that in the next 50 years hunger will end and walks will celebrate that hunger is no more.

Pastor Haley Vay

Join the movement. Walk. Give. End Hunger.

Kids Hope USA

The Mentoring Hour

Wow! ULC Kids Hope USA has 10 mentors, 10 prayer partners and one substitute mentor volunteering this fall. Mentors will meet with one student for one hour each week at Forest View Elementary School in Lansing. What will the mentors do during that hour? Kids Hope has the following recommended schedule:

- PLANNING allows the child and mentor to review material the teacher has provided and invites the child to "own the lesson" for the day.
- KNOW WHAT? lets the child share what's happening in their life.
- LEARN TOGETHER is working on academics suggested by the teacher and a time that provides practice and hands-on exercises dictated by each student's need.
- CREATIVE PLAY supplements the academic work through the use of learning games and other strategies engaging the student.
- GROW TOGETHER/PREPARE TOGETHER allows for a combination of academics (especially reading), addressing character growth needs, and life skills.
- PLAY ends the hour with a game, reading a favorite story, shooting baskets or some other fun activity that encourages relationship building between mentor and child.



This schedule can be very flexible to fit the needs of each student. The mission of Kids Hope is to make each child feel valued and loved. While academics are important, a child needs to feel good about self to be a successful learner.

*Barbara Kissling
ULC Kids Hope USA Director*





QOV Quilters Meet in Grand Rapids

The city of Grand Rapids hosted the 2019 Quilts of Valor national conference in August at the Amway Grand Hotel. Ann Booren and I attended as representatives of Prayers & Squares Chapter 163. It was inspirational to meet so many men and women from all over the United States who are dedicated to awarding every veteran and current member of our military services with comforting Quilts of Valor. The various sponsors generously donated fabric, thread, tools, bags and fabric panels to all the attendees. During one breakout session all participants were given a new pattern and all the material to make a QOV. Quilts were awarded each day of the conference to several veterans.

It was especially interesting to share with other groups how they are organized.

Some leaders have members scattered over long distances that make their QOV in their homes and then send them to a person who does the long arm quilting to stitch the three layers of the quilt together. We spoke with several male veterans who do large numbers of quilts every year. There were folks from as far away as Alaska who came to share their stories.



Marjan Behnam, from Iran, completed her first quilt with assistance from Prayers & Squares members. She came to the group by way of Friendship House and Tight Knit. Internationals from Iran, Brazil and India currently sew with the quilt ministry.

Sunday, Oct. 27 will mark the fifth year we are awarding members and friends of our ULC congregation with Quilts of Valor. The veterans who will receive quilts this year are Tom & Lynn McCurdy, Elizabeth & Ryan McPhall, Bill Nicholas, Jordan Pollard, Ron Switzer, and Matt Uebel. Please join us this Reformation Sunday as we honor and thank these veterans for their military service. You too can become part of this wonderful ministry by joining us on National Quilts of Valor Sewing Day, Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020.

Thank you to everyone who purchased something from our sale in September. \$378 was raised to help us purchase fabric for prayer quilts and QOV. Ann's creativity is unbelievable! Our next sale dates will be the second and third Sundays in December, so plan to purchase your Christmas gifts at

ULC.

Our next regularly scheduled sewing day is Tuesday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium. If you can't make it, we have kits ready to take home and make the top of a prayer quilt. We have all the supplies, we just need you!

Bobbie Davis

ULC Bike Ministry Joins League of Michigan Bicyclists

In 2005 retired ULC pastor Fred Fritz and several members started a bicycle ministry at ULC. Our mission is to provide bicycles to those who cannot afford them. We also assist riders who cannot afford to repair and maintain their bicycles, and provide helmets to anyone who needs one.



We were recently contacted by the League of Michigan Bicyclists to coordinate services. They run the "Share-A-Bike" program. On most Saturday mornings they give away bicycles at the East Lansing Fire Station No. 1 at 1700 Abbot Road. I represent ULC at Share-A-Bike

and invite you to join me there to repair and/or donate bicycles.

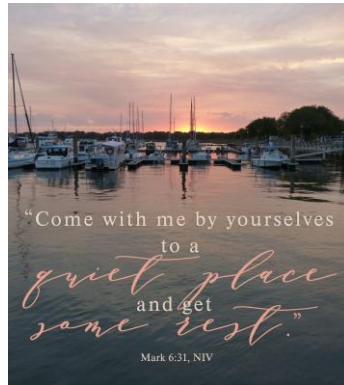
Those interested in receiving or donating a bicycle should visit the website at lmb.org/share-a-bike. Those interested in the ULC Bicycle Ministry can contact me at garygarbarino@gmail.com

Gary Garbarino

From the President

Comfort Zone

Lately I have been thinking a lot about comfort. Having completed another trip around the sun this month, I find that I am further obsessed with making my life comfortable and making choices that complement that mindset.



One comfort zone for me is our church. I grew up with the Lutheran liturgy and the words bring me comfort. I have become comfortable generally knowing what to expect when I attend church. I am very comfortable with our congregation and trust that there will be friendly, familiar faces when I come to church. This may be one reason that I

don't think I will miss much when I miss a Sunday.

It was summertime and, like many in our congregation, I wanted to be up north whenever the opportunity presented. I was comfortable worshipping creation on the beach or in the woods. Summer is short in Michigan and our church will always be there.

After a few weeks away, my comfort zone was rocked when I realized that faces I was used to seeing in church had moved on. A familiar face that I only really interacted with on Sundays, was no longer there to share the peace. I take great comfort

in the promise that they still live, even if I am no longer comforted by their presence and smiles.

Recently I realized another place of comfort while enjoying our beautiful grounds. Generations of our congregation have invested time, sweat and wealth into our landscape. Our memorial garden contains plaques, and cremains, of members who are now in the Church Triumphant. Our lawns offer a place to play and worship. Even our parking lot has come to offer comfort for our neighbors and various event goers.

I give thanks for the comfort our church offers to me, our congregation and our community.

Brandon Baswell
ULC President

October Outreach of the Month

Friendship House International Student Ministry at MSU

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 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 (including Pastor Haley Vay) teach or lead courses. We also serve as a host location. Due to strong demand and space limitations at the Sever St. location, some of the courses are held and taught at ULC.

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 ULC can make will help continue this ministry. 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
- Assist with various fellowship activities such as baseball games, Thanksgiving dinners, or one-day trips to Lake Michigan or Chicago
- Be our prayer partner...we need people who are willing to pray for this ministry.

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



The ULC Council met on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The following are highlights from this meeting:

- Melanie Morrison will lead our worship series on racial justice. Schedule is Nov. 1 and 2, 10, 17 and 22 and 23. Attendance is limited to 20 people.
- Congregation meeting on Sunday, Oct. 13 after the 10:45 a.m. service to vote on changes to the ULC Constitution and Bylaws.
- Recommended the purchase of a

warming unit for the downstairs kitchen.

- Bishop Satterlee will be preaching on Nov. 10.
- Authorized the lead pastor to sign a Facilities Use Agreement on behalf of ULC with Samaritas for a transitional foster care program.
- Voted to approve a balanced 2020 budget using monies from the following designated funds –

youth/family, campus and general worship.

- The annual meeting of the congregation will follow the 10:45a.m. service on Sunday, Nov, 24.

Attendance

August 4: 99
 August 11: 97
 August 18: 95
 August 25: 115

Sheila Nicholas
 ULC Council Secretary

Annual Reports Due Nov. 1

Annual Reports are due to the office on or before Friday, Nov. 1. For team leaders, you should get your reports to your Lead Management Team coordinators by Oct. 25. Share all of the exciting things that have been happening during the past year and your plans for the coming year!

Lead Management Team Notes

From the Sept. 4 Lead Management Team meeting:

Discussion: Annual Review of Teams. Each team was reviewed, discussing number of participants and how the work is going on each. We determined that Habitat for Humanity (the organization, not our ministry) has not been reaching out to churches as much or as well as they did in the past, so, for now this ministry team will be labeled “inactive.” Should the HFH organization begin reaching out to us again, ULC will consider reinstating our ministry with them. We also found that four teams could use additional volunteers - Evangelism, Facilities, Grounds, and Office Helpers. Pastor Gary will prepare a bulletin insert highlighting this need.

Bicycle Ministry-Gary Garbarino: A single mother contacted ULC through Christian Services seeking a bicycle. I told her about Share-A-Bike, but she has no transportation. There was one bike at the church that fit her, so I bought the parts it needed, got it ready to ride, and delivered it (and a helmet) to her. She did get a letter for Share-A-Bike and hopes to bring her son there. I told her that most CATA buses have bicycle racks.

Social Action-Bryan Rahe: The food distribution in August served 63 households and we had 23 volunteers. The next food distribution is Sept. 26.

Welcome Team-Barbara Riegler, Linda Trevarthen, Emily (Heidrich) Uebel: We are starting to prepare for the next new member reception, which will occur on Nov. 10. We are so grateful to all the wonderful coffee hosts who help make our Sundays so welcoming! We would also like to reiterate that anyone new to hosting the coffee hour on Sunday can always look to the Riegles, Uebels, or Trevarthens to help them until they learn the ropes. Also, if some are willing to provide snacks but are unable to work behind the counter, contact Linda Trevarthen and she will be happy to do the kitchen duty!

Communications Team-Amy Wagenknecht: The communion card revisions were finalized. Pastor Haley Vay confirmed a photographer will be hired to take photos at Alpha Sunday and during God’s Work. Our Hands. We will then schedule a third photo shoot to take stock photos of ULC events/spaces/items for use in future brochures and on the website. We discussed moving forward with the purchase of a new outdoor digital sign. We will be applying for an Endowment Grant to provide seed money for a larger capital campaign. Campus Ministry will also apply for a grant from the Campus Ministry Endowment Fund. We will be working with Council, Facilities and Endowment Teams to complete this project.

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Winded...and Grateful

My family and I would like to invite you to a public reading and reception on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 26. Here's the story behind this event.

I was born on Thanksgiving almost sixty years ago in the wee hours of the morning, and when my mother told the story of my birth, she explained that yes, she ate a sub-par hospital turkey dinner to celebrate the holiday, but my birth provided her with more than enough compensation for enduring a mediocre meal.



This November, as I celebrate my 60th birthday, I will also be celebrating seven years of living and dying with a stage IV non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis. I have been fortunate to have enough time to tell my story, and as a lifelong writer, I am grateful to have part of that story make its way into publication in my book, *Winded: A Memoir in Four Stages*, out on Oct. 1 from Apprentice House Press.

November happens to be Lung Cancer Awareness Month, which makes this birthday even more significant for me because I know how few people actually survive stage IV lung cancer, and I feel particularly ambivalent about my own survival when I consider those who didn't get to survive this long.

I am not any more or less deserving than anyone else. Just lucky. Doctors found a drug to address my cancer mutation, and it's keeping the cancer contained in solitary confinement.

I am an introvert who has often found it difficult during this cancer journey

to come to church and interact, mostly I think, because drugs and the burdens of living and dying with cancer wear people down. For me, overstimulation has become a problem. I can smile. If I can sit down for a bit, I can engage in a conversation. And despite wobbly, cancer-confused lungs, I can sing. So, I do. It is the only way I can pray anymore.

What I need to articulate most is that I have always appreciated having the church to come back to after long absences due to so many complicated factors – treatments, schooling, deaths and illnesses in the non-Lutheran branch of my family, and sometimes, just plain fatigue. I am happy after such absences to see the faces I know and hear the stories associated with those faces, even if I can't always articulate a complete or thoughtful response.

Thus, this party is a culmination of many aspects of many things. Please join me and my family, if you are able, in the celebration. I will bring copies of my book to sign, and I will also bring the books of another author published by my press. Rob Hiassen, a journalist for the *Capital Gazette* in Annapolis, Maryland, was one of five journalists who were gunned down in a newsroom shooting in June of 2018. One of his life goals was to

publish a novel, and he'd been working on it steadily in the years preceding his death. The proceeds from the sale of his book go to Everytown for Gun Safety. Details on the time of the event will be forthcoming.

As we celebrate, we can also remember those we've lost along the way.

Dawn Newton Reading
& Book Launch
60th Birthday Party
7th Cancer Birthday Party
Tuesday, Nov. 26
5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Dawn Newton

Dinner for Eight is Back!

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Homes will be assigned about Oct. 8th.

What is Dinner for Eight? It is an evening of food and fellowship with eight adult members/friends of ULC. These meals take place in the home

of a member. Everyone contributes a dish to pass to the meal. It is a wonderful way to get to know other members and friends of the ULC community. Look for a sign-up sheet in the



parthex. Please also consider being a host (provide table setting, beverage, entrée/meat and coordinating the menu with your assigned guests.)

Ann Booren

Remembering Dorothy Margaret Louderback

March 14, 1916 - July 4, 2019

As Dorothy's Eucharistic minister for the last nine years, I have the honor of writing about the remarkable lady I have often heard referred to as the "Queen of ULC." It is a fact that she lived longer than any previous member. It is also a fact that she loved the members of ULC as if she had known them all her life, even though she only spent 10 percent of her 103 years in our midst.

Many of us knew the gifts of her charm, wit, and warm smile which she hung onto until the end. A family friend described her as fabulous, fantastic, faithful, and fun, to which I would add loyal, affectionate, adventurous, and gregarious. She loved to laugh, discuss the events in the news, and had the most remarkable gift for making someone feel special that I have ever encountered. Dorothy had the gift of making friends wherever she found herself. She was a true and faithful friend who made sure you felt loved whenever you were in her presence.

Born Dorothy Margaret Hurr on Mar. 14, 1916, she lived out the majority of her life in Marion Ohio, moving to Michigan to be closer to her daughter Kay at the tender age of 93. Dorothy lived through many historical events in her 103 years. I loved to hear her talk about her early memories which included the purchase of her family's first automobile, her own celebrations of V-E Day, and the impact President Warren Harding had on the hometown they shared.

Dorothy came of age during the Great Depression during which she met and married Louis Louderback at age 20. They entered married life following a simple civil ceremony, the \$10 bill Lou carried in his back pocket their entire honeymoon budget. Within a few years Dorothy's hard work as a retail clerk, coupled with Lou's own drive working at the local foundry and picking up odd jobs, saw the young couple settled in a place in town that included all the modern conveniences of the day. Dorothy knew, however, that Lou's real goal was to own a farm, and they would often spend their Sunday afternoons driving about the countryside looking at land and dreaming.

When the day came for them to afford the move, Lou came to Dorothy with two options, a modern farm with small acreage or a big piece of land with a beautiful barn but a house in poor condition with no modern plumbing



or electricity. Dorothy did not hesitate, she knew her husband wanted land and had already fallen in love with the scenic spot with its pretty red barn, so to the big farm they went. Her love of the farm was apparent whenever she spoke of it, including her love of the hard work that went into caring for the animals, the garden, and the home that slowly was updated to 20th century standards. Actually, when you asked Dorothy the secret of her longevity she always answered "the hard work I dedicated to caring for the farm we loved."

Dorothy also lit up whenever you mentioned her daughter Kay (known to us as Kay Fritz, the wife of retired Pastor Fred Fritz). Born relatively late in their marriage, Kay was never taken for granted by Dorothy and Lou. They worked hard to ensure Kay had the best educational opportunities. Since Kay was gifted with a sharp mind, she made them both very proud. Dorothy loved to talk about Kay's position at the State of Michigan as a Doctor of Toxicology. She loved to talk about Kay's latest accomplishments, but above all she was so grateful to have Kay near in the last years of her life. She once told me that when Kay entered her room at Marsh Point it was like the sun had come out.

As Kay reached her teenage years, Dorothy decided it was time to enter the work force again and she began an almost 20-year career working for J.C. Penney. Dorothy loved working for this retail giant so much that she chose to stay on until the age of 70, earning her the retirement benefit of a "Discount for Life." When Dorothy talked about her days at Penneys she always talked about the good friends she made working there who "were like family." To all who knew Dorothy this comes as no surprise as wherever she went, she always employed her amazing gift for making friends.

Her other focus during this stage of her life was to support Kay, Fred, and their son Karl. Wherever Pastor Fred Fritz was serving, parishioners saw a good deal of Dorothy. During Fred's time in Mankato, Minnesota she befriended the campus ministry students forming a lifelong bond with another former ULC pastor, Melinda Halom. Upon moving up to Michigan Dorothy quickly fit into life at Marsh Point, her senior living community, making several new best friends there.

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During my visits to her apartment, her door would open to let in a continuous flow of ladies coming and going with Dorothy greeting each one as if she was the most important person Dorothy saw that day. What a gift she had for making anyone feel special and for loving the people God placed in her life.

Life for Dorothy at Burcham over the last one and a half years was tough at times as her body began to fail, yet her mind remained sharp. Her sense of adventure continued, however, as she took in many of the fun outings the facility planned: managing to achieve the highest score at bumper bowling (which she conducted from her wheelchair), smiling for the camera with a snake looped around her neck during a visit from Preuss Pets, and continuing to make friends

among the residents and staff. When I asked her why she was willing to “wear the snake” she replied that it was her first chance to do so and would likely be her last, so why not!

Dorothy even made a late-in-life best friend with whom she would giggle and kid like a teenager, Miss Marlene. Her laughter was contagious and the twinkle in her eye when she was pleased was well known as was the silent look of disapproval she would flash when someone rubbed her the wrong way. Our faith community at ULC was blessed to have her warmth and affection showered on us as well.

Dorothy truly did love ULC and the times she shared with the quilting ladies, the music ministry, and the people of our church. Our love for

her in return was a great gift to her in the final years of her life. She treasured the visits, cards with good wishes, postcards sent during members’ travels, bouquets, caroling by the choir, performances by the summer music campers, and just the feeling of belonging to her church family at ULC.

Dorothy leaves a legacy of love behind; for a farm in Ohio, a blessed daughter and her family, a life of hard work, and the gifts of friendship. She also leaves an example of a life well lived in which the gifts God granted her were well appreciated, and in which she never gave up the need to connect with the people God placed in her life. She will be missed by so many

Beth Rahe

Dear ULC Family



Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and encouraging words shared to support Bryan and me throughout my current illness. Through your prayers and love we have also felt God's love for us and I have felt calmer and more certain that God is

directing our path going forward. We have now returned from our long awaited visit to Duke Medical Center in North Carolina where Beth received excellent medical care. The next two months are a critical time after which we should know if the procedures worked to fix Beth's spinal leak. We are encouraged by her progress so far and remain hopeful. We are also both thankful to be back home amongst our faith family at ULC.

You are an amazing blessing in our lives and we love you all.

Beth and Bryan Rahe

Thank you!



We are so very grateful to our ULC family for your well-wishes and support both on our wedding day in August and as we begin our married life together.

With love,
Emily & Matthew

Birthdays

- 1 LaVon Miller
Rick Milligan
Linda Savage
- 2 Dustin Hagfors
Mary Ludtke
Jennifer Tracy
- 3 Chris Anderson
Patti Cuellar
- 5 Laura Goddeeris
Carolyn Haase
- 6 Gary Bunge
Courtney Heller
Anne Smith
- 7 Carolyn Lohr
- 9 Connie Lenkowski
- 11 Michael Hill

Celebrating



This Month

- 14 Nathaniel Dalton
James Sype
- 15 Kristie Wiggert
- 16 Deidre Kiefer
- 17 Jon Althouse
June Asselin

- Bo Boettcher
Eric Podolsky
- 21 Evan Dawson-Baglien
 - 23 Mark Largent
Melissa Schmitz
 - 25 Susan Fisher
Steven Haase
 - 26 Laura Appel
 - 27 William Grant
Kathryn Lyon
Susan Tague
 - 29 Beeper Baswell
Jesse Clyma
Todd Helser
Piper Hylen
Matthew Tague

Anniversaries

- 1 Brandon & Cindy
Baswell
- 7 Darrin & Elizabeth
Karcher
- 9 Natalie & Nicolas
Mitchell
- 11 Cathryn & Matt Smith
- 29 Michael & Heather Hill
- 30 Linda Savage & Todd
Leigh
- 31 Jim & Nicole Greiter

Grounds Team

Fall Clean-up Oct. 19

Our fall garden clean-up day will be Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.



Our grass-cutting and pruning day will be Saturday, Nov. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please come and help.

*Norm Jolin Sr.
Grounds Team Leader*

Lead Management Team Notes

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Facility- Dale Romsos: Shortened four pews to provide room for some arm chairs in the sanctuary.

Memorial Garden-Pat Lee: Bob Anderson's ashes will be added to the garden this week. Norm Jolin and Gary Lee have been taking out

invasive trees and plants that have overgrown the area. We are interested in replacing these with new plants. The two stones to which the plaques are attached are now full. I have ordered a piece of granite to which new plaques can be attached. Since it won't exactly match, we can

put it across the sidewalk. Mary Letvenow is working to keep the garden in good shape, but we will get the garden ready for winter with the fall clean-up.

Amy Wagenknecht



The deadline for the Nov. Lux is **Friday, Oct. 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!



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| 1 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside | 6:30p | ULC Council-Conference |
| | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Conference | 7:00p | Confirmation-Student Lounge |
| | 5:30p | Evangelism Team-Fireside | 17 | 2:00p Lifetouch Photos-Fireside (through 8:30p) |
| 2 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | Noon | ISM Board-Fireside |
| | Noon | Lectio Divina-Fireside | 6:30p | Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary |
| | 7:00p | Confirmation-Student Lounge | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Choir Room |
| 3 | 2:00p | Lifetouch Photos-Fireside (through 8:30p) | 18 | 5:00p Friday@Five-Student Lounge |
| | 2:00p | Worship Planning-Conference | 19 | 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL |
| | 6:30p | Endowment Committee | | Hymn Festival Rehearsal-Sanctuary |
| | 6:30p | Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary | | 9:30a Lifetouch Photos-Fireside (through 4:30p) |
| | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Choir Room | 20 | Hymn Festival Rehearsal-Sanctuary |
| 4 | 2:00p | Lifetouch Photos-Fireside (through 8:30p) | 8:30a | Worship (Organ Dedication)-Sanctuary |
| | 5:00p | Friday@Five-Student Lounge | 9:40a | Faith Formation/Forum |
| 6 | 8:30a | Worship-Sanctuary | 10:45a | Worship (Organ Dedication)-Sanctuary |
| | 9:40a | Faith Formation | 4:00p | Hymn Festival with Michael Burkhardt-Sanctuary |
| | 10:45a | Worship-Sanctuary | 21 | 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside |
| | 3:00p | Latvian Worship-Sanctuary | 22 | 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside |
| 7 | 4:30p | Tight Knit-Fireside | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Conference |
| | 5:00p | Security Team-Conference | 5:00p | Families Against Narcotics Board-Library |
| 8 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside | 6:30p | Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship |
| | 9:00a | Prayers & Squares-Atrium | 23 | 8:00 Mushers-IHOP, EL |
| | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Conference | Noon | Lectio Divina-Fireside |
| 9 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | 24 | 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library |
| | Noon | Lectio Divina-Fireside | 3:30p | Food Movers Set-up-Fellowship |
| | 4:00p | Personnel Committee-Conference | 4:30p | Food Distribution-Fellowship |
| 10 | 5:30p | Finance Committee-Conference | 6:30p | Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary |
| | 6:30p | Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Choir Room |
| | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Choir Room | 25 | 12:00p Enhance Fitness Soup Lunch-Fireside |
| 11 | 5:00p | Friday@Five-Student Lounge | 5:00p | Friday@Five-Student Lounge |
| 13 | 8:30a | Worship-Sanctuary | 26 | 9:30a Football Parking |
| | 9:40a | Faith Formation | Noon | MSU v. Penn St. Football Game |
| | 10:45a | Worship-Sanctuary | 27 | 8:30a Worship-Sanctuary |
| | Noon | Congregational Meeting-Sanctuary | 9:40a | Sunday Forum-Fireside |
| | 1:00p | CROP Walk-Grace UMC, Lansing | 9:40a | Faith Formation – Play Practice |
| | 1:30a | Sons of Norway-Fireside | 10:45a | Worship (QOV)-Sanctuary |
| | 5:30p | Dinner for Eight-Members' Homes | Noon | Special Congregational Meeting-Sanctuary |
| 14 | 4:30p | Tight Knit-Fireside | 4:00p | Trunk-or-Treat-Parking Lot (inside if rain) |
| 15 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside | 28 | 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside |
| | 12:30p | Lychnion Circle-Fireside | 29 | 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside |
| | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Conference | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Conference |
| 16 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | 30 | 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL |
| | 9:30a | Amnos Circle-Fireside | Noon | Lectio Divina-Fireside |
| | Noon | Lectio Divina-Fireside | 7:00p | Confirmation-Student Lounge |
| | 1:00p | Rhodon Circle-Conference | 31 | 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary |
| | 2:00p | Lifetouch Photos-Fireside (through 8:30p) | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Choir Room |

Enhance Fitness classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium		Faith Formation – 9:40 to 10:30a: Sunday Forum – Fireside Room Sunday School (Age 2 - HS) – Basement Education Wing
Friendship House Classes at ULC: Wednesday 11:30a - Watercolor Painting Class-Fellowship Thursdays 11:00a - American Nations-Student Lounge		
		Reminder - Please contact the ULC office BEFORE scheduling your events. This will help you get the space you need and your group's event on the ULC calendar. Thanks!



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