



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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Prayers & Squares

Craft Sale

Sundays, Dec. 4 & 11
ULC Narthex

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 11
10 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Food Movers

Thursday, Dec. 15
Drive-thru pick-up
beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Farewell Britny Reception

Sunday, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m.
Narthex

Worship Expressions, Jazz

Sunday, Dec. 18
10 a.m.

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A Ramp for Iris



The happy recipient!

Have you met Iris? You'll remember if you have. She is bold, precocious, and full of life! Iris is in second grade and uses a wheelchair, which presented some challenges since her house has stairs at both entryways. This past August, I saw a Facebook post by Iris' mom, Claretta, looking for a place that builds ramps so her daughter could get to school on her own.

I did some checking and found out that Habitat for Humanity was taking applications for 2023 and I left messages for Tuesday Toolmen (TT) but did not hear back from them. I felt this would qualify under the ULC Endowment Fund distribution category of "Christ's Mission Among Us." So, after confirming with Claretta, I submitted an application in early September to the Endowment Committee to build the ramp.

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Sunday December 4th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Everyone is invited to gather for dinner in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Christmas crafts.

Please bring a holiday dessert to share!

Children participating in the Christmas program will be fitted for costumes in the Craft Room and practice choir songs in the Music Room.

Please join us!

Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us!

December. Advent. A new church year. Christmas. The close of 2022. And with all these things in mind, we begin reading the Gospel of Matthew in this year's cycle of the Narrative Lectionary.

Matthew isn't my favorite Gospel. It's a toss-up between Luke and John. But I do love a major theme of Matthew's Gospel. And it's a theme that gets introduced in worship on the Fourth Sunday of Advent – the very first Sunday we begin reading from Matthew. Matthew doesn't waste any time introducing his theme as he tells his version of Jesus' birth.

We all know Luke's version of the birth of Jesus. We read it every Christmas Eve: "In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered..." You know the story; a long journey to Bethlehem; a young unmarried pregnant couple; shepherds; angels and an angel chorus; and baby Jesus in a manger. It's a story that we treasure.

Matthew's story of the birth of Jesus is much less colorful. It doesn't evoke the same emotional response as Luke's. It's much more cut and

dried. There are no shepherds or angels or mangers or long journeys. Instead, Joseph is about to divorce Mary because she's pregnant. But in a dream the Lord tells him to go ahead and marry her because the child is from the Holy Spirit. And then the Lord tells Joseph that all this is taking place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet and that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us."

God is with us. Is there any more wonderful promise? And is there a more appropriate time to hear that promise than now?

As we think about a horrible war in Ukraine, we need to hear, "God is with us." As we continue to deal with a pandemic that still hasn't gone away and continues to affect our lives, we need to hear, "God is with us." As we think about a new year and all the unknowns that a new year brings, we need to hear, "God is with us." As we face our own mortality and the uncertainty of life, we need to hear, "God is with us." As we deal with all the issues in our country, we need to hear, "God is with us." It's so easy to dwell on the uncertainties and

difficulties of life and our world, but the promise we need to hold onto in those times and situations is the promise that Matthew tells us right at the beginning of his Gospel. Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us.

And then Matthew closes out his Gospel with the same promise, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

As we enter Advent, the Christmas season, and a new year, let the marvelous words of Matthew, Jesus, and the Prophet echo and resound in your minds. Let the promise that Jesus is Emmanuel, "God is with us," give you hope. Let the promise that Jesus is "with you always," give you courage to face the future. Let the promise that "God is with us," give you strength for the days ahead.

For me, Matthew's Gospel, in its very plain, understated way, proclaims the deepest and most profound message of Christmas. Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us!

Blessings on your Advent and celebration of Jesus' birth,

Pastor Gary

Advent and Christmas Schedule



Advent Day - Sunday, Dec. 4

10 a.m. Special Musical offerings
by the Senior Choir and Handbell Ensemble

5 p.m. Advent Dinner & Crafts

Advent Three - Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.

Children's Christmas Program

Advent Four - Sunday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.

Worship Expressions, Jazz

Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. Candlelight Worship - Lessons & Carols (also on Facebook)

6:45 p.m. Special Music

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship - Lessons & Carols

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25

10 a.m. Worship Service

Speaker Series Reconciliation & Reparations



Rev. Beth Birkholz

Rev. Beth Birkholz who is the Director of Congregational Engagement for Samaritas was our speaker in the One Community Campus Ministry series on “Reconciliation & Reparations.” Pastor Beth is an ELCA pastor and has been with Samaritas since 2020. She and her family live in Plymouth and she has been here in Michigan after living in the Atlanta area. Pastor

Beth is also a trained yoga and meditation teacher, loves sewing and clothes, and loves to travel.

“Samaritas is an organization based here, in Michigan, that helps disadvantaged families and individuals, many of which are refugees. They are the largest foster care and adoption center in the state of Michigan. They also provide senior care and assisted living to those who may need it. They pride themselves on creating a home through connecting people from all different backgrounds and stories.

Samaritas was started in Detroit, MI in 1934 by a group of Lutheran immigrants from Germany and Scandinavia and called themselves, “The Lutheran Inner Mission League of Greater Detroit” and then “The Lutheran Charities.” As years went by and the group evolved, they changed their name to Samaritas, as a reference to the Good Samaritan, in 2016.”

Thank you to those who have provided meals for campus ministry Fridays@Five. Please sign up to host meals and

share time with students during the spring semester by using the sign-up sheet at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4daaa92da1fbc52-fridays>.

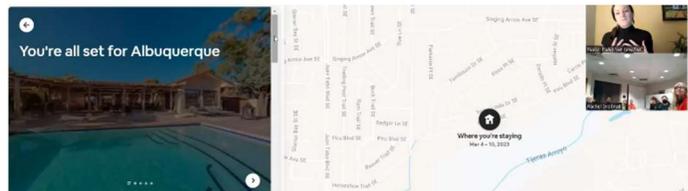
Additional Friday@Five events this month have included a Dia De Los Muertos Celebration, Alternative Spring Break Info Session, and Friendsgiving Celebration.



Fridays@Five

Alternative Spring Break 2023

We’re headed to Albuquerque, New Mexico for Alternative Spring Break this year. We chose this location as it fits well with our theme, “Reconciliation & Reparations” and hope to serve alongside Lutheran Social Services of New Mexico and learn from Indigenous communities. This year spring break is March 4-10; students will share about their experience in worship on Sunday, March 12, 2023.



Planning for the upcoming trip to New Mexico.

Pastor Haley Vay

Great News for Forest View Elementary School

This past April Barb Kissling, our Kids Hope director, reached out to let me know about an exciting opportunity for Forest View Elementary to be in consideration to receive a Cohort Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant from the United States Department of Education. At that time, I learned that the grant would work to strengthen family to school relationships, teach environmental sciences via hands-on project-based



learning units, and add more one-to-one learning for the students at Forest View.

In considering the school for this grant the Department of Education was looking for a school that was already supported via community programs. Having a mentoring program such as Kids Hope in place, supported by ULC since the fall of 2019, was a plus. Forest View’s close ties to Fenner Nature Center, which is

located near the school, was another relationship that increased the chance that they would be awarded this opportunity.

This October we learned that the Lansing School district and Forest View were awarded the grant! In an interview conducted by WKAR reporter Kevin Lavery, Forest View Principal Emily Brown explained that the grant will help her school expand their curriculum.

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Christmas Program & New Spaces

During the months of November and December our weekly children’s ministry, Worship Wednesday, has been focused on preparing for the annual Children’s Christmas Program which will be shared in worship on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 10 a.m.

Confirmation Learning Events happen on Wednesday evenings. Each month our youth engage in Servant and Fellowship Events that encourage their faith formation and community building. In December our youth will enjoy Fellowship and



Sunday Funday meals

Service events including Advent Day and shopping for gifts that will go toward the Samaritas Christmas Wish program.

Get a glimpse into Sunday Fun Days for families with children and youth on ULC’s YouTube channel. https://youtu.be/yq5_mP92VFQ

High School Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings, 5-7 p.m. and is currently repainting the youth room! (See photos below) It’s a REALLY BIG room, and we’re thankful for that -- the big reveal will be coming soon!

Pastor Haley Vay



High school youth room gets an update!

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“We’ve been working for 10 years to develop outdoor learning in environmental science, and what we’ve found is kids just get so excited about learning,” Brown said. “They want to come to school, they don’t want to miss anything.”

Last spring several of our Kids Hope mentors participated in a workday around the school grounds putting in a butterfly garden and performing a spring cleanup among other activities needed to prepare the school for this expanded curriculum. Mentors of second grade children were also invited to participate in the students’ week-long immersion experience at nearby Fenner Nature Center.

With the new grant money available many more projects will be starting up in and around the school.

This is both an exciting opportunity and a challenge for Forest View as they work to put the elements of the grant in place within their curriculum. It will take time and energy. Your support and prayers for the staff, students and mentors who work at Forest View will be appreciated during this transitional time. Feel free to reach out to Barb or one of the Kids Hope mentors if you want more information on how to be a community partner in helping Forest View see the goals of the grant realized.

*Beth Rahe
ULC Kids Hope Mentor*



December Forums

The Sunday Forum time slots in December will actually be a mix of work and play!

Dec 4: Council will provide a preview of the Annual Meeting. Location: Fireplace Room and Zoom.



Dec. 18: A festive farewell reception for office administrator, Britny Pollard. Location: Narthex (Lobby).

Dec. 25: Christmas Day - no forum this week or next (Jan 1)

Dec. 11: Annual Meeting. Location: Fellowship Hall, Lower Level.

Linda Trevarthen



ULC Memorial Library

Advent Materials on the Mobile Library Cart

You will find the Mobile Library Cart in the narthex in December. It has many Advent and Christmas items for all ages from the ULC Library. You may check these materials out right from the cart.

During November, the Library Team displayed some favorite books in the Narthex as ideas for books you might like to purchase as gifts. These books can now be found on the table in the ULC Library. You are welcome to



Gift book suggestions now available for checkout in the library.

check these books out so that you can enjoy them at a more leisurely pace.

We hope you will visit the library when you are in the church. It is open when the church is open.

*The Library Team
Judy Kindel, Connie Lenkowski,
Jennifer Johnson and Linda
Trevarthen*

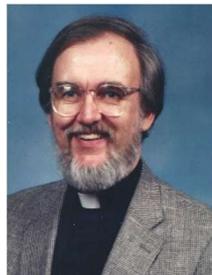
ULC Archives

Tis the Season to be Waiting

The December 1995 issue of *Lux* includes an article by Pastor George Madsen called “Tis the Season to be Waiting.”

“A Church Year ends. A new Church Year begins. Again, it is the season of Advent. I am thankful that centuries ago Christian people were given the idea of the Church Year! It is not in the Bible. Jesus did not think it up. Nor did the Apostles. It welled up out of the lives of Christian people as, year after year, they “breathed in and out” the incredibly rich story of God’s entrance into our lives in Jesus Christ.

The story is so good, and everybody has so many favorite parts that it is difficult not to rush the story and “read the last page” first as it were. As the seasons of the Church



Year go, I have come to truly love Advent. It is a marvelous time to once again savor the fact that God is ready to start over with the church, to once again, ever so patiently, retell the story.

Advent is a time of hope. It is a time for expectation. It is a time for waiting. In a world that seeks to fan excitement by holding “Christmas in July” sales, in a world that mixes together the orange and black of an All Hallow’s Eve with the traditional reds and greens of a Christmas Eve and throws in a Turkey and a Pilgrim to boot, Advent is a welcome relief! It is a time apart. It is a time that moves quickly, yet slowly enough to set one’s sights on and savor the Gift for every season! “Tis the season to be waiting! May your Advent be richly expectant in the promised coming of God in Christ!”

Connie Lenkowski

December Outreach of the Month ELCA Good Gifts

The December Outreach of the Month is the ELCA Good Gifts as it has been the last few years. Rather than struggling with what to buy someone and ending up with a gift that they may not want or use or throw away, why not consider buying a gift that brings life and hope to a family somewhere around the world?



\$250, a community garden for \$200, or a whole “family farm” for \$715 which includes chicks, goats, pigs and a cow.

For more information and to buy a gift, go to the ELCA’s Good Gifts website at: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/> In addition to purchasing gifts, we will have a small Christmas tree set up in the church so

you can pick up ornaments and cards that go with your gift. If you would rather simply donate for Good Gifts, please send your check to the church office or donate online and designate your contribution as “Good Gifts.”

Pastor Gary

You can give chicks for \$10 which provides a family with protein-rich eggs, or the possibility of a steady source of income. You can give a pig for \$30 which provides fertilizer to grow crops. Or you can give a goat for \$50 which provides a family with milk and income to send children to school, a cow for \$500, a fish farm for

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During consideration of the application, Mary Werkman, who is a member of the Endowment Committee, offered to contact a friend who works with the TT organization. The grant was approved in mid-September, and I was able to work with Mary’s friend to establish contact with the TT. In early October, TT agreed to construct the ramp for Iris and on Oct. 11 they pulled into the driveway around 9 a.m. and by 2 p.m. they were finished!

Endowment grant applications are one page long and easy to submit. These funds are available to support members and the wider community to “glorify God and serve the world.”

I did learn some things in the process (or at least experienced frustrations of trying to work with the system) –

It’s not what you know, it’s who you know. Thank God that Mary had a contact with Tuesday Toolmen. They are a great organization and saved us so much effort and money. But even though I knew of the organization and tried to get in touch with them, I was unsuccessful until she called her friend.



The new ramp that will allow Iris to independently go to school.

Government agent intent and actual practice aren’t always the same. We needed a building permit through the City of Lansing. After spending quite a bit of time on their website, I was able to make an email request about getting help. Their assumption appears to be that anyone needing help has access to and is comfortable with technology (which I thought I was until I tried navigating their website!). I was looking for the technical requirements for building a ramp (materials, dimensions, location, etc.). I was able to talk with a person who told me the best way to get the information was to submit an application which they would review and then would provide comments

and additional materials giving all of the requirements. We did a sketch as part of the permit based on what little information we knew (like maximum slope and minimum distance from public right of ways). The permit was approved – with no notes, no description of acceptable materials, no setback requirements.

Tuesday Toolmen does great work (<https://www.capitalareahousing.org/tuesday-toolmen>). TT has the skills needed to design and construct ramps to city code – we would have struggled and it would have cost a lot more in time and money had we tried to construct it ourselves.

ULC is a community that heeds God’s call to care about others. I especially appreciate the time and support of Sandy Davis, Dale Romsos, Mary Werkman and Pastor Gary in making this project happen. Also, Claretta’s friend Joelle was instrumental in getting applications filled out and submitted.

*It takes a village...
Vicki Anderson*

Have an Eco-friendly Christmas!

Enjoy your gift giving experience by finding long lasting gifts that are high quality, reusable, sustainably sourced or repurposed and with minimal packaging.

The most eco-friendly gifts are the ones that leave a minimal environmental footprint, avoid generating waste, and are manufactured with a circular focused and sustainable business practice.

The **Fair Trade** label on products offers a large variety of ethically sourced and sustainably produced products. They are easy to find in local stores.

Websites that offer ideas for eco-friendly gifts are numerous. A few are: <https://GreenThatLife.com>,



Some of the items offered at the Prayers & Squares sale that are made from quilting scraps.

<https://www.ecoroots.us>,
<https://www.wellandgood.com>.

To support church-wide ministries of the ELCA go to <https://www.elca.org> and click on Good Gifts for the catalog.

Another option is to buy from one of the many companies that give back a

certain percentage of the cost of the product to charitable causes. One such company is Bombas. They will give one pair of socks to a homeless person for 1 pair that is purchased <https://bombas.com>.

If you are nature minded the Parks Project <https://parksproject.us> gives a portion of each sale to the National Parks system.

A great choice for local eco gifts is at the **ULC Prayers and Squares sale** in December. Many of the gifts are made with recycled materials and upcycled into new products.

Have an Eco-Friendly Holiday!

Judy Kindel

Warm Coats Needed!

The coat bank of St. Luke Lutheran Church is entering its 13th year of ministry and service to the community!! Since 2009 they have given nearly 11,000 winter coats plus winter accessories to individuals in the Greater Lansing area, serving residents of Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Shiawassee counties.

How can you help:

- 1) Donate coats: Adult men's and women's regular sizes and especially XXL or larger, Teen's, Children's, Infants in all sizes. In addition, winter hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants, boots are also needed.
- 2) Donate funds to St. Luke to purchase items.
- 3) Volunteer to help with distributions at St Luke Christ Campus at 122 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing on Saturday Dec. 3rd from 1:30-3:30 p.m.



Donations can be delivered to either St. Luke location: Christ Campus, 122 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing, or Meridian Campus, 5589 VanAtta, Haslett

If you have questions, please call St. Luke Lansing 517-482-2252; St. Luke Haslett 517-339-9119; or Darra Haase, ULC chairperson 989-506-8723.

If you need help delivering your donations call either campus at the above phone numbers.

Please do not drop off donations at University Lutheran Church this year.

*Thank you,
Darra Haase*

Note: On Saturday Oct. 15, over 400 coats were given to recipients. God's Work – Our Hands



Six Veterans Honored

In October the Quilts of Valor (QOV) Foundation reported 3202 veterans were awarded QOV. That brings the yearly total to 24,065 and the lifetime total to 326,777. This month Prayers & Squares awarded Quilts of Valor to these veterans thanking them for their service to our nation, whether in time of war or in time of peace: Brian Ainslie, Alexander Filar. James Herrington, Gary Jankens (not pictured below), Jann Lawrence, Frank Smith and Craig Young.

These veterans were honored on Nov. 13 during worship. This marks the 16th year Prayers & Squares has awarded QOV to veterans near and far. We look forward to filling the Fellowship Hall with volunteers on National Quilts of Valor Sewing Day, Saturday, Feb. 4. Please join us as we begin the process of making QOV for veterans of our Armed Forces.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that our P & S Craft Sale is back this year! Ann has been very busy

making all kinds of wonderful items from the scraps that are created when we make our prayer quilts. Look for tables in the narthex on the first two Sundays in December where you will find unique items that make great gifts for those on your giving list. Your purchases help fund the prayer quilt ministry. There will also be a raffle for two beautiful Christmas quilts. All proceeds from the raffle will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Our regular sewing day is Tuesday morning when we gather from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are many steps to making a prayer quilt and some do not involve sewing. We have all the tools and supplies, but we need you! Come join in the fellowship as we work together to comfort those needing our prayers. Remember to mark your calendars for Dec. 4 and 11th for the craft sale, and Feb. 4 for National QOV Sewing Day.

Bobbie Davis



Bobbie Davis and Kathy Sweat wrap Brian Ainslie, a US Navy veteran (His wife is Kathy's mom). Brian is a US Navy veteran.



Frank Smith, a veteran of the US Navy.



Craig Young
US Air Force, 1
972-1975
Crew Chief



Jann Lawrence
US Army, 1982-1995
Helicopter Mechanic



Alexander Filar
US Navy,
2000-2008
Machinist's Mate,
1st Class



Support the Prayers & Squares Ministry and do some Christmas shopping too!

**Sundays, Dec. 4th & 11th
in the ULC narthex**

Singing with Racial Justice Go Tell It on the Mountain!

Go Tell It on the Mountain dates back to at least 1865. The song is considered a Christmas carol because of the original lyrics about Jesus' birth. An article on sermonwriter.com tells us that *Go Tell It on the Mountain* calls us to do the most natural thing in the world—to spread the news about something wonderful - the birth of the Christ child. Some claim that the inspiration for this song came from the prophet Isaiah who wrote: “You who tell good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.”

Go Tell It on the Mountain would surely have been lost long ago,



except for the work of John W. Work, Jr. and his brother, Frederick J. Work. The brothers searched Appalachia for American spirituals which were passed down verbally, from plantation to plantation; very few were ever written down. In 1907 they published the song in a

collection entitled *Folk Songs of the American Negro*.

In the 1920s, the Fisk Singers began to perform the song, but it saw little success. However, *Go Tell It on the Mountain* gained popularity with the birth and growth of blues, jazz and early rock ‘n’ roll in the early 20th Century.

Go Tell It on the Mountain chorus: “Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ was born.”

Connie Lenkowski

Podcast Title: These Polls Ain't Loyal – Nov.10, 2022, 32 min.

Podcast Link: Into America (host Trymaine Lee)
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/into-america/id1499906821?i=1000585749182>

Summary: Trymaine sits down with Jason Johnson (American political scientist, commentator and writer, associate professor of communication and journalism at Morgan State University) and Cornell Belcher (American writer, pollster, and political strategist, founder of



Brilliant Corners Research & Strategies) after the 2022 mid-term elections. Together they discuss results of the mid-term election as they are known so far, and what it all means for Black people. They review the early polls and what they got right (and wrong), about the Black vote. As usual, Trymaine shines a light on the voting process in America from the Black perspective and leaves the listener with thought-provoking views on the future for all Americans

Racial Justice Team, Education Sub-team

ULC Council met via Zoom on Nov. 16. Here are some highlights from the discussion:

- Approved a motion to adopt voluntary masking in the church effective Dec. 4
- Several events coming up in December:
 - Advent Dinner (Dec. 4th from 5-7 p.m.)
 - Annual Meeting (Dec. 11th directly after worship, coffee and snacks will be served)
 - Farewell for Britny (Dec. 18th after worship)



- Pastor Gary discussed the plan for coverage (Britny hired on a per hour basis, volunteers) for the church office until a new Office Administrator is hired. There are candidates identified for a new Office Administrator and interviews are being conducted in November

- Treasurer's Report: Giving has been lower than pledged, and so the congregation is looking at ending the year with a deficit budget. Congregation members are encouraged to fulfill their pledges.

Emily Uebel
ULC Council Secretary

Attendance
October 2: 869
October 9: 810
October 16: 979
October 23: 644
October 30: 770

Birthdays

- 3 Marge Mahoney
Deanna Milligan
- 4 Kimberly Melton
Diane Wanagat
- 5 Gerry Erickson
Jerry Lindman
- 6 Hannah Oslund
- 7 Rachel Morin
- 9 Susan Zimmerman
Paul Bartlett
- 10 Ross Clyma



CELEBRATIONS

- 11 Libby Baswell
- 11 Russell Fitzgerald
Lois Mummaw
- 12 Bruce Reinoehl
Heather Stanley

- Steven Viele
- 13 Paul Guilfoyle
Ross Lazar
- 14 Andrea Vera
- 15 Michael Sweat
- 16 Larry Cross
- 17 Gregory Hagbom
- 19 Andrew Hagman
- 21 Cheryl Kruger
Brie McPhall
- 22 Kathy Sweat
- 24 Catherine Ernst

- 26 Gloria Olson
- 28 Johanna Karcher
- Anniversaries**
- 6 Art & Carolyn Lohr
- 14 Al & Ann Booren
- 20 Dan & Lindsay Sadler
- 22 Anthony & Chad
Waldron
- 29 Todd & Barb Helser
- 31 John & Bonnie
V'Soske

*Farewell &
Thank You!*

Join us as we recognize and thank our office administrator Britny Pollard, who recently left ULC for a job closer to her home. A group gift is being coordinated. Contributions can be sent to or dropped off at the ULC office.

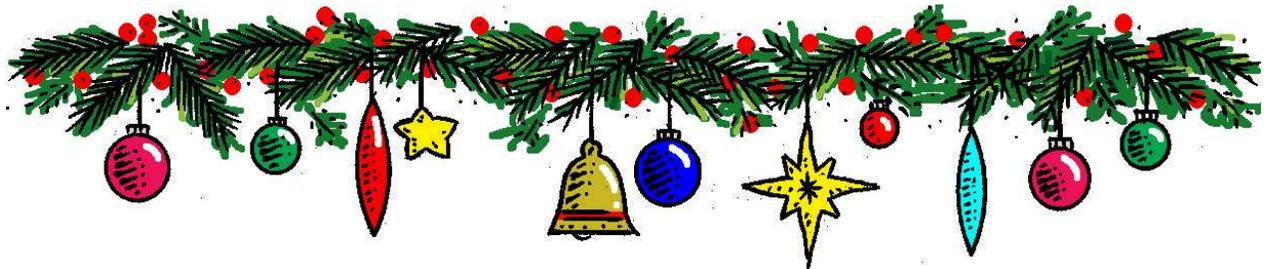
Sunday, December 18
ULC Narthex
Immediately following
Worship

Welcome Mandy!



ULC's new office administrator, Mandy O'Neil officially started Tuesday, Nov. 29th. We welcome her to the ULC family during one of the busiest times of the church year!

Please stop by and say "Hi!" Watch for a bigger introduction in the January Lux.



Newsletter SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the January Lux is **Monday, Dec. 12.** (A bit earlier in the month due to Christmas)

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net
Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Keep those wonderful photos and articles coming! Thanks!



DECEMBER 2022

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|----------|-------------------|---|-----------|---|
| 1 | 9a-4p | ULC Office Open | 9a-4p | ULC Office Open |
| | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Sanctuary | Noon | Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom |
| 2 | 5:00p | Fridays at Five | 4:15p | Worship Wednesday-Zoom* |
| 3 | 10:00a | Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary | 6:30p | Confirmation-Fireside |
| | 1:30p | Food Movers Luncheon-Fellowship | 6:30p | ULC Council-Zoom* |
| 4 | Advent Day | | 15 | 9a-4p ULC Office Open |
| | 10:00a | Sunday Worship (Special Music)-Sanctuary/FB | | 3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru |
| | 11:30a | Sunday Forum-ULC Council-Fireside/Zoom | | 7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary |
| | 5:00p | Advent Dinner-Fellowship/Narthex | 18 | 10:00a Worship Expressions: Jazz-Sanctuary/FB |
| | 5:30p | Basketball Parking (MSU v. Northwestern) | | 11:30a Farewell Reception for Britny |
| 5 | 3:30p | Tight Knit-Fireside | 19 | 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside |
| 6 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom* | 20 | 9-4p ULC Office Open |
| | 9-4p | ULC Office Open | | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall |
| | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall | | Noon Lychnion Circle-Fireside |
| | 1:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom | | 1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom |
| | 2:45p | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom* | | 2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom* |
| | 7:00p | Pub Theology-Zoom* | | 6:30p Council Meeting-Zoom* |
| 7 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | 21 | 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL |
| | 9a-4p | ULC Office Open | | 9-4p ULC Office Open |
| | 9:30a | Communications Team-Zoom | | Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom* |
| | Noon | Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom* | | 12:30p Rhodon Circle-Pizza House, East Lansing |
| | 4:15p | Worship Wednesday-Zoom* | | 5:00p Basketball Parking (MSU v. Oakland) |
| | 4:30p | Lead Management-Google Teams | 22 | 9-4p ULC Office Open |
| | 6:00p | Confirmation-Fireside | | 7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary |
| 8 | 9a-4p | ULC Office Open | 24 | Christmas Eve |
| | 7:30a | Assisting Ministers | | 5:00p Christmas Eve Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook |
| | 9:30a | Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP | | 6:45p Special Music-Sanctuary |
| | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Sanctuary | | 7:00p Candlelight Worship-Lessons & Carols |
| 9 | 5:00p | Fridays at Five | 25 | Christmas Day |
| 10 | 10:00a | Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal | | 10:00a Christmas Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook |
| | 3:00p | Basketball Parking (MSU v. Brown) | 27 | 9-4p ULC Office Open |
| 11 | 10:00a | Worship (Christmas Program)-Sanctuary/FB | | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall |
| | 11:30a | Annual Meeting-Fellowship | | 1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom |
| 12 | 3:30p | Tight Knit-Fireside | | 2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom* |
| 13 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom* | | 7:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship |
| | 9-4p | ULC Office Open | | 7:00p Pub Theology-Zoom* |
| | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall | 28 | 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL |
| | 12:30p | Lychnion Circle-Fireside | | 9a-4p ULC Office Open |
| | 1:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom | | Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom* |
| | 2:45p | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom* | 29 | 9a-4p ULC Office Open |
| | 6:30p | RJ Caucus-Zoom | 30 | 4:30p Basketball Parking (MSU v. Buffalo) |
| 14 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | 31 | New Year's Eve |

* Zoom link contacts: Choir - Janine Smith; Tuesday Study - Jim Kiefer; Pub Theology – Pastor Gary; Lectio Divina - Britny; Worship Wednesday for Kids – Pastor Haley Vay; Council Meeting – Joy Oslund; Sunday Forum – Weekly email/Facebook live comments



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Join us for the 2022 Annual Meeting on Sunday, Dec. 11 immediately following Sunday worship.

The meeting agenda includes acceptance of the annual report, approval of the 2023 budget, and elections. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Watch for your copy of the Annual Report in your email or mailbox.