

January 2024

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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

## Worship Wednesday Resumes

Wednesday, Jan. 24 5 – 5:45 p.m.

#### **Food Movers**

Thursday, Jan. 18 at 3:30 p.m. Drive-thru distribution

#### **Pub Theology**

Tuesday, Jan. 30 7 p.m. on Zoom

## Emily & Zachariah Shipman Begin Ministry at ULC

Monday, Feb. 5



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## **Prayers & Squares Celebrate 20 Years!**

On Dec. 3, 2003, the first prayer quilt was given to a ULC member, Madelyn Springer. We began the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship celebration this Dec. 3rd with a short history of Chapter 163. Photos from our scrapbooks appeared on the big screen. Following the service, past recipients brought their quilts to be placed over the pews. Everyone was invited for refreshments in the narthex after the service.



Pastor Fred Fritz, Bobbie Davis, and Dian Wright present the chapter's first prayer quilt to Madelyn.

A wonderful way to celebrate the distribution of 2864 quilts over the past twenty years!

**Bobbie** Davis



#### From the Pastor's Pen . . .

## **Use Caution in the New Year**

The phone rang. It was my father: "Bryan, I'm on the phone with the IRS and they say I owe \$2,000. If I don't pay it immediately, they're going to seize my car and the house. They said I can pay for it by getting prepaid Visa cards and reading the numbers over the phone. But when I went to buy the cards, the clerk at Walgreens said I was getting scammed. So, I thought I would check with you."



The above is a true story. Luckily, we were able to put a hold on the cards and prevent the scammers from getting the money. I don't think my father would normally have fallen for it, but the scammer caught him at just the right moment. My mom, his wife, was in the hospital and he was very worried about her. Plus, he had just received a letter from the IRS that was sitting unopened on the kitchen table. While the scammer's story was entirely false, my dad was vulnerable, and the story became plausible.

It's likely you've heard similar stories or perhaps had an experience yourself. I caution people all the time about scammers, but once I was almost fooled by an email pretending to be from my insurance company saying my account was past due and I was about to lose my car insurance. It seemed plausible; it was about time for the bill. Luckily, I logged into my account, rather than clicking the link, and discovered that everything was fine, the bill wasn't due for another month.

I share this because last week someone sent out a rash of emails, purportedly from me to members of ULC asking for \$500 or for help handling a confidential matter. Ironically, I even received one myself: me asking myself to buy a gift card for someone else. When I looked at the email, it was quite convincing. The person had made a fake profile that included my picture from worship, created a fake email, and sent it to people that were likely to trust me. It looked good, except that it was all fake. And other than reporting to Google that it was a scam, there isn't anything I can do about it. Even if it is shut down, next week there could be a new email account created and a new request.

Scams are becoming increasingly common and more and more convincing. They don't just come via email, but we receive them as phone calls, text messages, and social media posts. And while we can block them, report them, or ignore them; sooner or later we all are likely to be in a vulnerable moment where the story suddenly seems plausible.

So, what can be done? Well, there isn't much to stop it, but we can protect ourselves:

1. Practice a hearty dose of skepticism, especially when it comes to requests for money. We're told, as people of faith, to be generous and kind, but that doesn't mean we

should be foolish. Jesus cautions us, "See I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves" (Matthew 10:16). In other words, in this context, know to whom you're really giving the money. If someone responds to your Craigslist ad, wanting to buy your vintage wine cork collection but has a convoluted way in which to pay for it

and tell you they'll pay you for the extra effort; you're likely to lose both your collection and the money.

- 2. Double check and cross check. If you have any suspicions, don't use the link provided in an email or text. Instead, log into your account a different way. If your friend texted you asking for bail money, try calling them or check with a mutual friend or family member. If the IRS calls you, hang up and call the IRS using the number on <a href="IRS.GOV">IRS.GOV</a> (the IRS will never contact you via email or phone; never).
- 3. Exercise patience. Don't respond to any request immediately. Especially any request that demands immediate action. Sleep on it. A scammer's greatest tool is a sense of urgency. They're much more likely to succeed if they can get you to act without taking time to think.
- 4. Perhaps the most effective way to protect yourself is to talk to someone else. Get their opinion on if you're getting scammed. When someone contacts you through Facebook, promising to help you make a million in bitcoin and all you need to do is give them access to your bank account; tell that to someone else before you dive in. The very act of telling someone else may help you hear it differently and getting an opinion from a trusted source never hurts.

Recently a member of my wife's church was contacted by someone claiming to be a friend of her granddaughter. She claimed that her granddaughter was in trouble and knew enough details to make it very believable. The "friend" offered to send an Uber to the house to pick up the money. When the grandmother hesitated, the caller emphasized how urgent the problem was. The grandmother almost complied but chose to call her daughter and check. The granddaughter was doing just fine and was visiting her mom at that very moment.

As we are in transition at ULC from Pastor Gary to me to the Shipmans, it makes us more vulnerable to scammers. Remember to double check and not just assume that what claims to be from the church or the pastor (or for that fact a prince in some far-off country asking you to hold five million dollars for him) is really from that person.

Pastor Bryan

## **Sunday Forum Will Take a Sabbatical**

Dear ULC Friends,

After much deliberation, Bill and I are planning to put Forum on sabbatical for the remainder of this academic year. I will be having first one, then the other knee replaced in 2024, so will spend winter and spring in

recuperation! If all goes well, we may be able to schedule something here and there, and I will also share ideas for future forums with the Shipmans, so, who knows, plans may change sooner than expected. In the meantime, if you have any ideas for forum topics or speakers you would like me to add to our current list, please let me know!

Linda and Bill Trevarthen Forum Co-leaders



## **ULC Memorial Library**

## **New Books to Assist with Grieving**

During the Ministry Fair in October, a member came into the library looking for a book about grieving that was put out by Thrivent. She said the book was important to her and she has given it to others in their time of grieving.

We did not have the book in the ULC Library, so I checked the Thrivent website and found two books on death. The first is *Grieving with Hope: Finding Comfort as You Journey Through Loss* (248.8 Hod) by Samuel Hodges. The book

description says, "Practical and straightforward, yet warm and compassionate, *Grieving with Hope* 

is packed with short, gospel-centered, topical chapters addressing the issues grieving people face but are often hesitant to mention to others."

Step by Step:
Practical Decisions When a Loved
One Dies (242.4 Ste) is a checklist
and description on what should be

done as far as funeral arrangements, settling the estate, saying goodbye, and planning for your future.

> We now have the books in the library, but if you are a member of Thrivent Financial, you can also request the books for free.

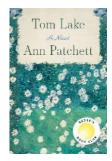
> > Connie Lenkowski ULC Library Team



## **Set in the Orchards of Traverse City**

The ULC Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. We will discuss *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. Set in the orchards of Traverse City, the novel is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives our parents led before they were our parents. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.

ULC Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month. We offer three ways to participate. You can join us in person at ULC in the Fireside room, join us via ZOOM or we can send you a recording of the discussion.



As we head into the winter months and weather can cause road conditions to change quickly, we depend on email to keep those wishing to attend informed of any changes in meeting time or location as well as the books we choose for our discussions. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Beth Rahe

at <a href="mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com">bwojan1@gmail.com</a> or Mary Kotnik at <a href="mailto:mkotnik@comcast.net">mkotnik@comcast.net</a> so we can add you to

our email list.

Looking ahead, February's book: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Step by Step

Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik



## **Worship Expressions Jazz**



Special Advent music provided by John Dale Smith, piano; Rick Cote drum set; Chuck Page, acoustic bass; Jon Gewirtz, sax during Worship Expression Jazz.



Worship Expression Jazz featured vocalists Janine Novenske Smith, Kelly Mahoney Schafka, and Travis Williams during Sunday worship on Dec. 17.

## **Advent Dinner & Children's Program**

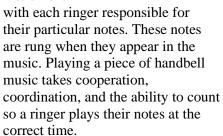


The annual Advent Dinner and musical program on the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3.



## We Need Ringers!

Do you want to count in more ways than one? Then consider joining our handbell choir. A handbell choir acts as one instrument



So, you would count as being an important part of an instrument and having to count so you play your notes at the correct time.

Rehearsals are Mondays from 6-7 p.m. in the sanctuary starting Jan. 22. We'll play two to three times this semester during worship.

Contact Louise Paquette (paquetl47@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## **Earthkeeping News**

## Michigan Interfaith Power and Light

Michigan Interfaith Power and Light (MiIPL) is a nonprofit organization that the Earthkeeping Team at ULC has often collaborated with on our energy efficiency projects, both in our building and in the wider community.

In 2002, Fr. Charles Morris, a Catholic priest convened a diverse group of faith leaders and founded MiIPL as a faith response to global warming. It is one of 40 state affiliates of Interfaith Power & Light, which reach a total of 18,000 + communities across the country.

The mission of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light is "to offer practical ways to put faith into action by promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and other sustainable practices that lead to a cleaner, healthier and more just world." Their website offers resources of free energy efficiency programs, help with solar projects and solar webinars on ways to finance projects.

The success of the Michigan chapter spurned action on the local level. ULC, represented by the



The Capital Area Chapter raised funds for a solar installation at the South Side Community Coalition in 2022.

Earthkeeping Team, along with 10-15 other local Houses of Worship (HOW) formed the Capital Area Chapter of MiIPL several years ago. This group meets monthly to promote transformational climate action in our community. The Capital Area Chapter's efforts currently involve members from the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, Haslett Community Church UCC, Edgewood United Church (E. Lansing), the Islamic Center of East Lansing, First Presbyterian Church of Lansing, Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, All Saints Episcopal Church (E. Lansing), University Lutheran Church (E. Lansing), Kehillat Israel

(Lansing), Community of Christ (Lansing), People's Church (E. Lansing), Faith Lutheran (Okemos), and Charlotte Congregational UCC.

The Capital Area Chapter has also used the expertise gained in promoting energy efficiency, renewable energy and other sustainable practices in their own buildings to assist the local community with a focus on low-income areas.

For example, the Chapter raised funds to install a solar array at the South Side Community Coalition, a community center in South Lansing providing educational and health programs as well as recreational opportunities for youth and families. Funds were also raised to fund installation of a solar array for an allelectric home in a new affordable housing development not far from the South Side Community Coalition.

You are welcome to join the ULC Earthkeeping Team and the Capital Area Chapter of MiIPL.

Judy Kindel

## **Clergy Couple Called to ULC**

During a special congregational meeting on Sunday, Dec. 10, Pastors Emily and Zachariah Shipman were extended calls to ULC. They accepted the call and will be joining the ministry on Feb. 5. Watch for more information in upcoming email announcements and editions of Lux.





The ULC Annual meeting, held Sunday, Dec. 10.

## **ULC Food Movers Update**

Historically, we have provided the food distribution site and volunteers while the Greater Lansing Food Bank covered the cost of the food. On Feb. 1, 2023, we received notice that the Food Bank was instituting 50 percent cost-sharing with all its partners. They were to furnish us with an estimate of our costs going forward, with cost-sharing to begin on Aug. 1.

In July, we were told at a face-to-face meeting that cost sharing would be delayed until Jan. 1, 2024. They were hoping to have a cost estimate specific to our distribution to us by October. I made rough estimates that our share would be between \$10,000-20,000 per year. Our partner in furnishing volunteers, University United Methodist Church, would have a similar share.

ULC fundraising began with the June Outreach of the Month. The donations collected at the Summer Music Concerts were to go for this purpose as well. We also collected money by parking for the first MSU



football game. An Endowment Grant was successfully applied for. We raised about \$15,000 in total and an additional \$5,000 was allocated in the ULC budget for 2024. The cost estimate from the Food Bank never arrived.

In early December, I was told that the Food Bank intended to continue to cover our costs in 2024. This was a total surprise, and I don't know what led to this change of plans. We don't know if cost-sharing will be an issue in the near future. And I began to distribute some of the money we collected. The Endowment grant for \$5,000 has been returned. The money collected at the Summer Music Concerts, of about \$2000, will be sent to the Food Bank as a donation. We will keep the rest of the funds raised until it is clear that cost sharing won't be an issue in 2025. The ULC budget item of \$5,000 will remain in case something happens in 2024.

I want to thank everyone that responded in a rapid fashion to our call for support. You came through when we needed you. If anyone donated to our cause and would like their contribution forwarded to the Food Bank immediately, please let me know and I will make it happen. Please focus on how crucial this ministry is to our community. We served 362 families with 1134 individuals in November. This is a huge number, and it takes a lot of volunteers to pull it off. If you wish to participate, we can always put you to work on distribution days.

Bryan Rahe

## January Outreach of the Month Greater Lansing Food Bank

The Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) is the January Outreach of the Month. The ULC Food Movers Ministry has been partners with the GLFB for almost 12 years. We provide a food

distribution site along with volunteers and the Food Bank covers the cost of the food.



This past year the Food Bank talked about asking us to share the food cost, but recently informed us that they would continue to cover the food cost as in the past. At the moment, Food Movers is no longer in need of funds for cost sharing, but the Food Bank continues to address food insecurity in our community. They have multiple

programs to address food insecurity including the delivery of easily managed food to homeless people.

The need for food has grown exponentially. The Food Bank is seeing an increase in the number of shoppers of 35 percent at their recent distributions. This is due to several factors such as job instability, inflation, and the huge reduction in SNAP benefits as the pandemic has eased.

Please consider supporting the GLFB as they tackle these difficult issues. Please make checks out to ULC with Food Bank on the memo line.

Bryan Rahe



## **Prayers & Squares Chapter 163**

## Join us for the Next 20 Years!

Thank you to everyone who purchased items during our December fund raising craft sales. With your purchases and donations, we were able to deposit about \$2,000 into our account. This will allow us to buy more fabric and other supplies to make our quilts. The Christmas Quilt Raffle contributed \$75 for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Winner Kathy Sweat chose the gift basket and Pat McLain took home the beautiful Christmas quilt.

We continue to provide prayer quilts to a variety of groups in the greater Lansing area. In December, the Holt Senior Center received eight quilts for their residents while the Craft Care Home in Holt took 10 quilts to give folks there.

We invite you to be part of a nationwide day to make Quilts of Valor, which will be Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Here at ULC you will have an opportunity to help make quilts for veterans and those currently serving in the military. We have many jobs—not all involve sewing. Working in teams, sewers will be putting together quilt tops from prepared kits. We need people to press seams, to measure batting and backing material, and to sew.

The work session begins at 9 a.m. and finishes at 3 p.m. A pizza and salad lunch will be provided. Materials and supplies will be waiting for you! Use one of our sewing machines, or better yet, bring your own! Let's fill the Fellowship Hall as we salute our veterans and current military service members with a Quilt of Valor in 2024. Sign up is in January.

Our regular sewing day is Tuesday morning 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We are excited that some of our MSU students have joined us. We look forward to seeing you, too!

**Bobbie** Davis



The MSU students with their Christmas quilts - Liz Christian, Sophie Piotroski, and Grace Kennedy.



Sunday, Dec. 3 presentation of P & S history during worship.



Some of the prayer quilts that were brought back by recipients to celebrate the 20-year anniversary.



those young hearts.

## **National Mentoring Month**

January is National Mentoring Month. It is a time to:

- Celebrate mentoring and the positive effect it has on young lives
- Raise awareness of the need for more mentors
- Show gratitude as we acknowledge the volunteers who spend one hour each week with a student at Forest View Elementary School.

This is also a time to recognize the prayer partners that support each mentor/student relationship. We do not always know the details of why students are referred to the Kids Hope USA ministry, but we need prayer for God to guide our mentors in reaching



Barbara and her mentee.

A big thank you goes out to our volunteers:

**Mentors:** Sheila Nicholas, Debbie Heidrich, Mary Werkman, Beth Rahe, Jerry Lindman, Kay Meints, Cindy Ramsey, Barb Kissling

**Prayer Partners:** Nancy Lindman, Carol Mackin, Clarke Anderson, Bill Trevarthen, Connie Lenkowski, Deanna Milligan, Cindy Jenks, Tom Kissling

If you would like to join the Kids Hope USA ministry as a mentor or prayer partner and make a difference for a child, contact

barbkissling@gmail.com.

Barbara Kissling, ULC Kids Hope USA Director



## **Reflecting on Lutheran Pastor Joe Barndt**

By the time you finish reading this reflection you will agree with me that it really is a small world.

A couple months ago I learned that someone I had gotten to know and respect, Pastor Joe Barndt, had passed away.

I met Joe back in 1999. He and the committed team of

associates were owner operators of an organization called Crossroads Ministries. The main attraction to this organization was to learn an analysis that helped to understand racism. I was fascinated by this new awareness and began to work with many who were desiring to apply the analysis.

Back in the 1960's I received my formal education by way of a predominantly white educational system. I had many experiences that I couldn't understand. As I was exposed to this analysis, I had many, many moments of clarity. It was clear to me that God was calling me to become a

justice fighter, using this analysis as a primary education tool. I received this call back in 2000. I'm even more convinced today of its value.

Joe, you should know, was a Lutheran pastor who had become very passionate about racial justice. Joe went back to his Lutheran church in Watsonville, Calif where he continued to pastor in his church. Now, 2,414 miles

away his work is being perpetuated in Lansing, Michigan in his sister body of believers.

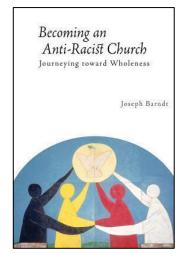
I've not had this privilege in any other Lutheran church. Joe pioneered a movement that has prompted thousands of sojourners to walk together as we seek to see each other as image bearers of our God almighty. I don't know

how many transformational teams are active throughout the United States, but I'm pretty certain it's four figures or better. I'm really proud to be a part of the transformational team at University Lutheran. There is good work being done here at ULC.

We can lean into WOW, what a coincidence or we can acknowledge that God has a masterplan involving his children that we can't even imagine. Had I not told you, there's a good possibility you would not have known about this full circle experience.

If you are inclined to learn more about the analysis for understanding racism that we are using as a guide at ULC. I invite you to pick up and read Joe's book, **Becoming an Anti-racist Church** - *Journeying toward Wholeness* by Joe Barndt.

Victoria Gibbs, Coach to the ULC Racial Justice Team



# More About Joseph Barndt (1934 – 2023)

Pastor Joseph Barndt received his degree from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS) in Berkeley, CA in 1960 and was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Feb 18, 1962. From the very beginning of his ministry, however, he was involved

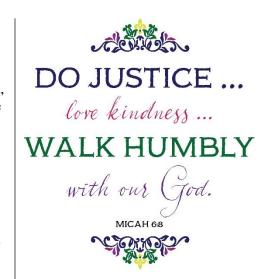
in the civil rights movement and in all those ministries he worked extensively with communities of color. As a pastor, he was also an organizer and helped start many



Rev. Joseph Barndt

collective efforts for change in the broader community as well as in the church. These included the Lutheran Coalition on Southern Africa, the New Wine Exchange, the Lutheran Coalition on Latin America, and the Justice Network in the Lutheran Church.

To read the complete obituary visit <u>Legacy.com</u>. Published by Watsonville Pajaronian from Sep. 28 to Oct. 4, 2023.



#### From the President

## **Happy New Year!**

Happy New Year! If you don't know me, I'm Jeff Guilfoyle, ULC president for 2024. Welcome to the Shipmans! We are very excited to welcome them to the ULC family. Thank you to the Call Committee for their great work. And thank you

to Rick for leading us through 2023, a year with a lot of change. I hope I can live up to his example.

I'm a big believer in New Year's resolutions. I often make seven or eight and view having one or two of them



stick as success. As you think about your resolutions this year, I hope you consider adding regular church attendance to the list. If you fell out of the habit during the pandemic, make a resolution to start that habit again. Word and Sacrament are a great way to start the week. And your attendance isn't just good for you. Everyone enjoys Church more when it is crowded. Your attendance makes

church a better experience for everyone. I'm going to try to make as many Sundays as possible this year and I hope to see you there!

Jeff Guilfoyle

ULC Council met via Zoom on Dec. 19, 2023. Here are some highlights from the discussion:

• Concerns were raised by a congregant with the livestream of showing faces in the congregation. Will clarify that the north side of the sanctuary along the windows is a "recording free zone" for anyone that may have concerns and will



also include a disclaimer in the bulletin that sitting on the organ/choir side may result in a person being shown on the livestream.

- Friendship House will be using our building for some English classes
- Heartfelt thanks to Joy Oslund and Narindra Randriamiariantsoa for their service on Council over the past few years as they leave Council.

Emily Uebel ULC Council Secretary

## **2023 Outreach of the Month Totals**

(through October)

November 2023: ULC Endowment \$5102 December 2023: ELCA Good Gifts \$567

January: Cristo Rey \$675

February: Ukraine Relief \$1352; Turkey/Syria

Earthquake \$200

March: Living Water Ministries \$702

April: MSU Pearl Project \$727 May: Food Packing \$1,522 June: Food Movers \$6,830

July: Honduras: Synod Program \$702 August: CORE (Racial Justice) \$768

September: Kid's Hope \$332 October: Haven House \$517 November: ULC Endowment \$675

Thank you for your Generosity!

**Please note:** As we continue to stream worship on the internet, if you sit on the organ side of the sanctuary, please be aware that your face may appear on the internet stream of worship.

## Congratulations to our recently selected

officers & committee

members . . .

#### **Officers**

Pres. Elect: Mike Sweat Treasurer: Louise Montag

#### Council

Larry Cross Debbie Heidrich

Student: Nato Faliarizao

#### **Finance Committee**

Larry Wagenknecht Justin Kirkpatrick



#### **Endowment Committee**

Lynn Kriser Larry Cross

#### **Members in Ministry**

Loran Bieber Connie Lenkowski

Thank you to all who served last year!

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## **Birthdays**

- 1 Craig Lazar Alfred Schikorra
- 2 Keith Harder
- 3 Darra Haase
- 6 Craig Kohn
- 8 Aaron Brooks
- 9 Elizabeth Sype
- 10 Marilyn Nussdorfer
- 11 Mary Kotnik
- 13 Megan Kotnik
- 15 Charles Hathaway
- JANUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
  - 16 Emily Baswell,
  - 17 Kloie Lasley Larry Wagenknecht
  - 19 Mary Letvenow
  - 20 Barbara Fensel

- 22 Erik Bubolz Judy Kindel
- 23 Bryan McPhall, Jr. Jeff Williams
- 24 Lynne Clyma
- 25 Caleb Fisher
- 26 Taylor Zagata
- 27 Linda Trevarthen
- 28 Darrin Karcher
- 28 Amy Wagenknecht
- 29 Erin Frisch

- 29 James Shaw
- 30 Wanda Ophaug
- 31 Nathan Gennette

#### **Anniversaries**

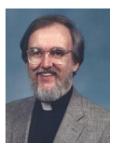
- 28 Michael & Connie Lenkowski
- 30 David & Marilyn Nussdorfer

#### **ULC Archives**

## **Greetings from Pastor Madsen**

Last month's archives Lux article was about the wreath now hanging in the narthex, and how it was made by a former pastor, George Madsen. I sent the article to George's daughter, Anna, and she forwarded it to her father. A few days later, I received the following response from Pastor George:

A Blessed Advent Connie!



Pastor George from years ago.

What a great surprise to get your note about finding my dusty metal Advent Wreath in the tower! Every year it comes to mind and I wonder if it is still used. I'm glad that it has found a good place! It came into being from a birthday present my wife Marge gave me years ago—a several week Saturday class in gas welding at LCC. After several weeks of introductory sessions, we were to come up with a

project of our own. I chose to come up with this large metal Advent wreath. The actual family design came from one of my many nieces who is still a creative artist and teaches art in a Minnesota high school. The many metal figures are herself, her husband and several children

painted dancing around a Danish Christmas tree. I "stole" her painted family and changed them into my welded wreath for my elementary LCC class project. Each and every figure is a relative of mine!



Thanks for rescuing it and finding a welcoming place for it at ULC! That was my intention and hope. You nailed it!

A blessed Advent and in a few weeks a very merry and blessed Christmas!

George Madsen



The deadline for the February Lux is **Monday, Jan. 15.** 

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at <a href="mailto:amylarryw@comcast.net">amylarryw@comcast.net</a> and Mandy O'Neil at <a href="mailto:ulcsec@ulcel.org">ulcsec@ulcel.org</a> 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 photos and articles coming! Thanks!

# J.A.N.U.A.R.Y

| 1  | 1 New Year's Day |                                      |    | 4:15p  | Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                     |
|----|------------------|--------------------------------------|----|--------|---|
| 2  | 2:45p            | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*    | 18 | 10:00p | ULC Book Club-Fireside                      |
| 3  | 8:00a            | Mushers-IHOP, EL                     |    | 3:30p  | Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru         |
|    | Noon             | Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*      |    | 5:00p  | MSU Basketball Parking (Oakland)            |
|    | 4:30p            | Lead Management Team-Zoom            |    | 7:00p  | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary            |
| 4  | 5:30p            | MSU Basketball Parking (Penn State)  | 19 | 5:00p  | Campus Ministry: Fridays@5                  |
| 6  | Epiphany         |                                      | 21 | 10:00a | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB                 |
| 7  | 10:00a           | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB          |    | 5:00p  | High School Youth Group-Youth Room          |
|    | 11:00a           | Prayers & Squares Craft Sale-Narthex | 22 | 4:00p  | Tight Knit-Fireside                         |
| 8  | 4:00p            | Tight Knit-Fireside                  |    | 6:00p  | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary                |
| 9  | 7:30a            | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*    | 23 | 7:30a  | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*           |
|    | 10:00a           | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall    |    | 10:00a | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship                |
|    | 1:30p            | Staff Meeting                        |    | 1:30p  | Staff Meeting                               |
|    |                  | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*    |    | 2:45p  | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*           |
|    | 6:30p            | Racial Justice Team-Zoom*            |    |        | Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship |
| 10 | 8:00a            | Mushers-IHOP, EL                     | 24 | 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                            |
|    |                  | Lux/Communications-Zoom              |    | 9:30a  | Amnos Bible Study Circle-Fireside           |
|    | Noon             | Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*      |    | Noon   | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·           |
| 11 |                  | Brunch Bunch-IHOP, EL                |    | 4:15p  |   |
|    |                  | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary     | 25 | 7:00p  |   |
| 12 |                  | Fridays@Five                         | 26 | 5:00p  | Campus Ministry: Fridays@5                  |
| 14 |                  | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB          | 28 | 10:00a |   |
|    |                  | Basketball Parking (Rutgers)         | 29 | 4:00p  | 5   |
| 15 |                  | ther King Jr. Day                    |    | 6:00p  | •   |
|    |                  | Tight Knit-Fireside                  | 30 | 7:30a  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·           |
| 16 |                  | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*    |    | 10:00a |   |
|    |                  | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall    |    | 1:30p  |   |
|    |                  | Lychnion Circle-Fireside             |    | 2:45p  |   |
|    |                  | Staff Meeting                        |    | 7:00p  |   |
|    |                  | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*    |    | 7:30p  |   |
|    |                  | ULC Council-Zoom                     | 31 | 8:00a  |   |
| 17 |                  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                     |    | Noon   |   |
|    |                  | Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom       |    | 4:15p  | Worship Wednesday                           |
|    | 1:00p            | Rhodon Bible Study Circle-Fireside   |    |        |   |



#### **ULC Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Monday & Friday **Reminder:** Please let the office know when ULC meetings and events are scheduled, even if they're happening virtually. We would like to keep the calendar current. Thanks!

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