



The LUMinary

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Pastor's Corner

On the Changing Seasons

As the days begin to shorten and evening has begun to settle in noticeably earlier, I am drawn to reflect on the changing seasons. There are, of course, the changing seasons and rhythms of the natural world which never cease to bring me joy, especially when I slow down long enough to actually observe them, but there are also changing seasons in our own lives. These seasons range from those that span years of our lives, like childhood, youth, adulthood, and our golden years to those briefer seasons that mark ebbs and flows of our lives as we move through each year.

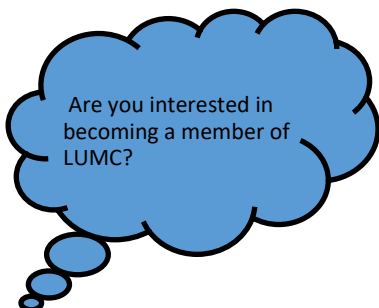
A large portion of our population has recently experienced one of these seasonal shifts: the sometimes dreaded and sometimes much anticipated return to school. The lives of parents, teachers, staff, students, and pets alike, almost overnight, shifted dramatically. For any of us, who have experienced even the most minor seasonal shifts in our lives, we know that transitions like these tend to come with challenges.

I encourage you, as you keep up your daily prayer practices, to hold these parents, students, teachers, staff, bus drivers, and the furry family members in your prayers. Pray for their patience, wisdom, and protection and that they might experience excitement and joy as they learn and grow together.

Blessings,

Pastor Tiffany

Leadership Corner

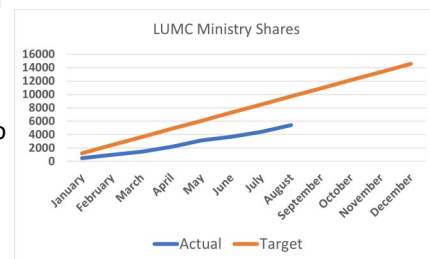


Are you interested in becoming a member of LUMC?

Contact the church office or Pastor Tiffany directly, because we will be offering membership classes beginning soon!

Finances

Our average monthly income for the first two thirds of the year for the General Fund was \$12,217 and our average expenses were \$12,427. Thus far, we have been able to keep our expenses below our monthly budget of \$13,747. In order to do this, we are running on a minimalist budget. We remain drastically behind on our attempt to meet our Ministry Shares obligation to the Michigan Conference. To date, we have sent \$5,412 which is 38% of our obligation of \$14,550.



We want to thank all of you who support our ministries through your time, talents, generosity, and witness!

Trustees

Progress on the bell project and prayer garden continues. The flowers that our Messy Church family planted continue to thrive thanks to the dedicated volunteers who have ensured that they receive a fresh drink of water each day. This past month, posts were installed for the white lattice fence that will run alongside the north and west sides of the garden to provide some privacy for those who wish to use the space for prayer. A large wooden cross will be installed at the southwest corner of the prayer garden and the old church sign will be installed between the posts located in the northeast corner of the garden in the coming weeks. We also plan to use the old church sign to display the memorial plaques containing the names of those whose memorial money has funded the project

As we prepare for the shortened daylight hours, the lights in the parking lot will be adjusted and LED lights installed in September.

Thanks to Nancy Robinson who installed new mini-blinds in the Fellowship Hall.

Our volunteers are vital to keeping our church looking good and for our ministries to continue. Thank you so much to those who do so much!



Worship and Fellowship Events

Below you will find a list of dates, sermon titles, and scripture lessons for the coming month.

Worship time is now 10:30 am.

Sept 3: <i>The Journey Begins: Who Am I?</i>	Exodus 3:1-15 and Matthew 16:21-28
Sept 10 : <i>The Journey Begins: What Is the Sign?</i> Second Sunday Breakfast 9:30 am	Exodus 12:1-14 and Matthew 18:15-20
Sept 17: <i>The Journey Begins: How Many Times?</i>	Exodus 14:19-31 and Matthew 18:21-35
Sept 21: Messy Church 6:00-7:30 pm	
Sept 24: <i>For the Long Haul: The Burden of the Day</i>	Exodus 16:2-15 and Matthew 20:1-16

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Sept 3: Donna Wolfrom/Myra Fraidenburg
Sept 10: Second Sunday Breakfast:
Martha West & Wendy Venier
Sept 17: Jo Hollenbeck/Judy Blackledge
Sept 24: Carrie Rathbun Hawks/Clint Hawks

Service



Open 1:00-3:00 pm Mondays
6:00-8:00 pm Thursdays
Open to all Laingsburg residents



Recyclers have been very busy. To keep things running smoothly, more volunteers are needed. Please check their website for more info and to volunteer: recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite

Change for a Change for August went to the Laingsburg Ministerial Association. This money is used to help people in our community with monetary emergencies. Total collected was \$200.00.

Change for a Change for September will go to our missionary Princess Jusu. Princess Jusu is an instructor at the United Methodist Women's Training Center in Monrovia, Liberia. Mrs. Jusu's ministry includes teaching skills which entail tailoring, tie-dying, knitting and home economics for women and girls who, for various reasons, have dropped out of school. Princess also assists with the village health outreach program for women.



Outreach

GO WOLFPACK



CARE CLOSET AT LAINGSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We will begin collecting healthy snack items for the Care Closet at Laingsburg Elementary School. Last year we collected some personal care items and water bottles. This year we have been told some children come without a snack, so that will be our collection for now. Please place your items in the tubs in the foyer.

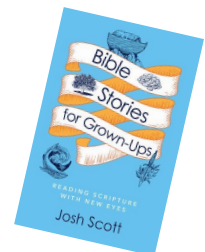
Items that we suggest are:

(all items must be in individual packages)

fruit snacks	granola bars
cereal bars	fruit cups
goldfish/chips	nut-free trail mix

Discovery

Bible Study
Thursday at
10:00 am.



Messy Church
Thursday, September 21
6:00-7:30 pm