



The LUMinary

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"Writer's Block"

Have you ever had writer's block?

It's brutal.

For me, it's the experience of knowing what I want to say, but when I go to put pen to paper (or keyboard to screen, as it may be), all that comes out is, well...bad. This, unfortunately, is my experience for this month's newsletter article.

Ugh.

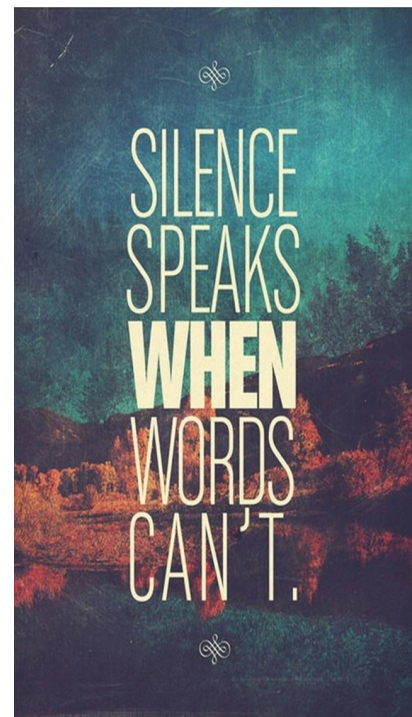
Even as I'm writing this (I promise, this is my actual thought process right now), I'm reminded of a passage of Scripture from the book of Romans.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

-Romans 8:26-27

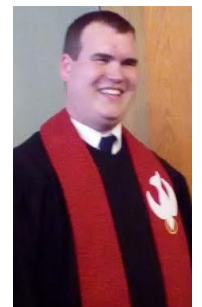
Have you ever found yourself in a moment of not knowing what words to include in your prayers? I'm not talking about not feeling eloquent or not having enough words, but rather about feeling as though words simply cannot express the feelings - feelings that are joyful or painful.

I don't always have the words needed. You don't need to have them all the time, either. What if we just trusted that God's Holy Spirit already knows and understands even our sighs, grunts, and even silence.



"Be still and know that I am God."
Psalm 46:10

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Brian



Words to remember:

-It's not the load that breaks you down
but the way you carry it.

-It's important to remember the past,
but don't live in it.

March Volunteers:

Coffee Hour:

- 4: Larry & Henrietta Sparkes
- 11: Troy & Katrina Hill
- 18: Roger & Sybil Curtis
- 25: Ken Plont

Head Usher: Harold Walters

COMMITTEE CORNER

Trustees:

New signs have been installed at the front and rear of the church thanks to memorial donations.

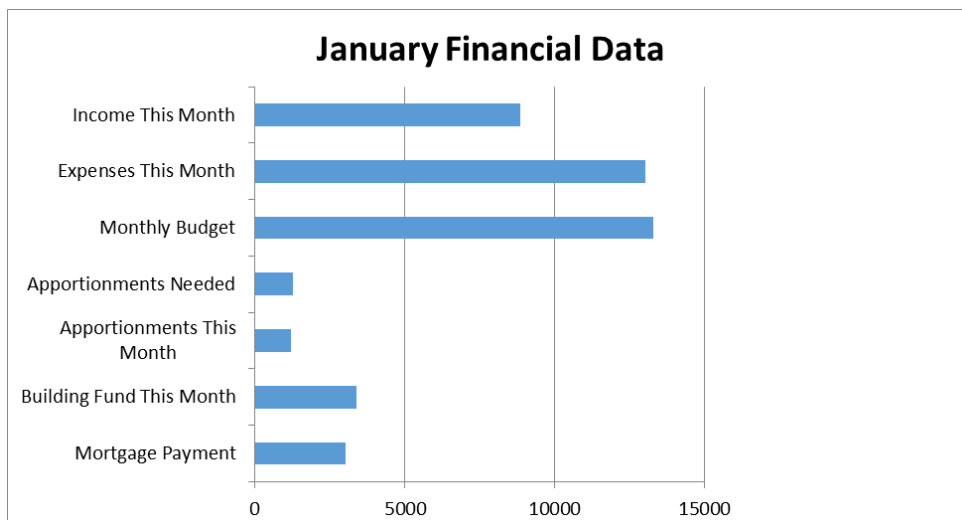
Missions:

UMCOR Sunday is March 11.



- 1: Olivia Hill
- 2: Jean Canning
- 4: Hannah Sebenick
- 4: Roger Ramirez
- 17: Jeanne Ott
- 18: Dave & Nancy Goeckel
- 18: Stephanie West
- 22: Coralie George
- 25: Ruth Smith
- 30: Jessie Sebenick

January Financial Data



Letters to God from Kids:

Dear God,

I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well I just want you to know but I'm not just saying that because you are God.



Celebration of our Volunteer Leaders!

We are implementing a process of much-deserved recognition of our volunteer leaders who have taken on leadership roles in the many, many ministries of this church. Throughout the year, we'll take time to recognize these volunteer leaders. On Sunday mornings, we'll recognize and show our appreciation to one such leader, as well as share a short note of appreciation in the monthly LUMinary Newsletter. As you see these folks, as well as those they are leading in ministry, please be sure to offer a word of thanks!

For each of your leadership gifts, your hard work, and for your dedication to the ministry of Laingsburg United Methodist Church, we want to recognize you and offer our sincerest appreciation.

John Peck & Henrietta Sparkes – Missions Work Area Ministry Leaders

Each year, John and Henrietta help to lead the Missions Work Area Ministry team in developing a trajectory for our church's mission efforts, which in turn gives us, as a congregation, the opportunity to engage in missions, together. Whether it's communicating our Spotlight Church giving areas, hosting chili luncheons for a cause, bringing in mission speakers, or organizing pop-up free stores, John and Henrietta have shown a great passion for leading others in mission, as well as for empowering others to use their gifts for the sake of Jesus' Gospel.

Thank you, John and Henrietta for your volunteerism and your passion for this important ministry.

Norma Parker & Jean Austin – History and Archives Work Area Ministry Leaders

For years, Jean and Norma have taken leadership roles in organizing and leading the History and Archives Work Area Ministry which has blessed this church in a number of ways. Together, they've led their team to hammer down an accurate start date for Laingsburg UMC, they've worked diligently to keep records, photographs, and much more. More recently, they've collected a number of historical items and have put together and sealed our newest time capsule to be opened in 50 years.

For all that you both do, our many, many thanks! Your passion for this church and all that it has meant to so many who have gone before us, is a great and gracious gift. We thank you for your faithful leadership.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday-March 25

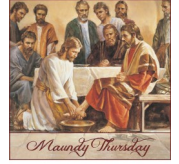
Worship 10:00 am



Maundy Thursday-March 29

Potluck Dinner 5:30 pm

Worship 6:30 pm



Easter Sunday-April 1

Sunrise Service 8:00 am

Breakfast 8:45 am

Worship Service 10:00 am

Children's Easter Egg Hunt after service



United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday March 11, 2018

On this special Sunday, we give generously to cover the operational and administrative costs associated with UMCOR's relief efforts.

This allows UMCOR to apply all other incoming donations directly to the specified relief efforts such as tornadoes in Oklahoma, a tsunami in Japan, flood recovery in Louisiana, hurricanes Harvey, Irma & Maria, AIDS epidemic in Zimbabwe. UMCOR will be able to offer aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer because you gave!

You may bring your donation on March 11, or anytime in March. Just put on your envelope or check "UMCOR."

UMW Baked Goods/Candies Sale

The quilters will have items for sale as well.

Saturday, April 7, 2018, 10:00 - 2:00



Anything left over will be sold after church on April 8.

Proceeds will go towards our missions.

Look for Tammy Wagner and another UMW member with clipboards before and after church on March 25 and April 1 asking for donations for this event.

MOVIE WITH THE PASTOR

**The movie scheduled for March
has been canceled.**



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