

FREE Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 22, 1:00-3:00 pm
at the American Legion Hall, 1240 E. Grand River

Please RSVP to 517 651-6050 or 517 420-3899 by Nov. 15
so they know how much food to prepare.

Sponsored by the Laingsburg Lions Club and the Laingsburg
American Legion Post 248.

OUR WEB PRESENCE

Don't forget that you can also learn more about our church, its ministry, and upcoming events online. Find us on our website (laingsburgumc.org), "Like" us on Facebook, and "Follow" us on Twitter (@LaingsburgUMC).

BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER

DEADLINES

Please submit all info
to church office by:
Wednesday am for
Sunday Bulletin and
15th of the month
for the Newsletter. Thanks!

If you know of someone who'd
like a visit, phone calls, and/or
cards, please inform the Church
office by phone or email so we
can promptly reply to this matter.
Please also inform the "Care
Group" (Jean Austin 651-5705)

Office Hours: M, T, W, TH: 9:30am - 1:30pm, closed Fridays

Phone: 517-651-5531 **Website:** www.laingsburgumc.org

Church email: laingsburgumc@gmail.com

Pastor's email: pastorbrianwest@gmail.com

CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAMS:

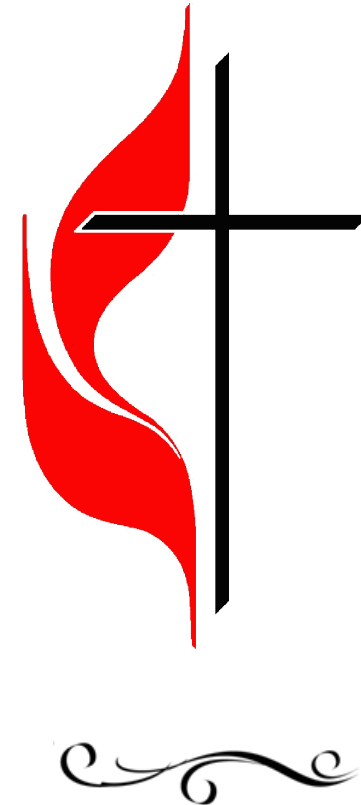
WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

- Pastor: Rev. Brian G. West
- Audio/Visual: Clint Hawks
- Choir Director: Jan Holyfield
- Faith Ringers Hand Bell Choir
Director: Jerry Wagner
- Family Bells Director:
- Pianist: Chong Zheng
- Lay Leader: John Peck

CHURCH STAFF

- Pastor: Rev. Brian G. West
- Admin. Assistant: Carolyn Dawley
- Custodian: Linda Craig
- Worship Pianist: Chong Zheng
- Missionary to PUMC:
Diana Carpenter

Laingsburg United Methodist Church



Gratitude:

"Those We Don't Know"

*Is it possible that in adopting an attitude of gratitude
for those we don't know—as well as naming why—that
we might also grow in our love for them?*

Rev. Brian G. West . November 11, 2018 • 10am

Welcome to Laingsburg United Methodist Church
We are happy that you're here!

MINISTRY PLUG-INS

GREETING ~ Passing of the Peace (*Stand as able*)

PRELUDE ~ Lighting of the altar candles

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Stand as able*)

Leader: Generous God, for the abundance of your blessings to us day by day and year by year,

People: We give you our thanks.

Leader: For the simple pleasures of life: for garden harvests, coffee conversation, and familiar surroundings. For health and strength to appreciate the wonder of life. For needs met and desires fulfilled,

People: We give you our thanks.

Leader: For foods distributed to nourish body and spirit. For homes which supply shelter, which nurture order and beauty, and offer hospitality,

People: We give you our thanks.

Leader: With hearts that forgive as freely as you have forgiven. With enthusiasm of spirit for the gift of life. With music which declares your everlasting goodness. With prayers for mutual understanding and peace,

People: We worship you with joy.

Leader: With creative pursuits which contribute our God-given talents. With words which honor you as Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit. With time volunteered and dedicated to service in church and community. With years committed to extending the love of Jesus Christ,

People: We worship you with joy.

Leader: With gifts of money which reach farther than we can manage ourselves. With deeds done in service of neighbor and stranger. With holy days set apart to celebrate your goodness and grace. With family and friends distant and nearby,

People: We worship you, God, with grateful hearts and joyful spirit.
Alleluia. Amen.

OPENING HYMN (*Stand as able*)

"Now Thank We All Our God" UMH 102

CHILDREN'S MOMENT "Where Children Belong" TFWS 2233

All children are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for a brief lesson with the pastor. Afterward, they will return to their seats with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Ice Skaters" Nick Liu

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

The Offertory

The Doxology (UMH 95) (*Stand as able*)

The Prayer of Dedication

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Silent Meditation

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE STORY Leviticus 19:33-34 Pew Bible pg. 85

SERMON *Gratitude* Pastor Brian
"Those We Don't Know"

CLOSING HYMN (*Stand as able*)
"Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431

BLESSING
All children are welcome to come to the front of the sanctuary to help the pastor give a closing blessing to the congregation.

The Laingsburg United Methodist Church is an accepting Christian community seeking to make disciples of Jesus Christ by building heartfelt, nurturing, and supportive relationships with its members, its community, and all of God's people.

Please join us for fellowship & coffee following worship

During our Worship Service, the nursery room is available for children through their 4th birthday. Please know that ALL children are welcome in worship.

REQUESTING OR NEEDING PRAYER?

PRAYER CHAIN leader Pat Hibbard will receive prayer chain requests at hibbardlph@aol.com, 989 834-2119, or contact the church office.

THE PRAYER TEAM is always available to pray with you after service.

KEEP IN PRAYER: Missy Ginther, Lori Hart, Betty Starkweather, Wilma Stichler, Thelma Smith, Heather Teelander, Michael Chubb, Edul Hunt-Walsh, Norma Parker, Beverly Rouse, Ed Parker, Kate Plont, the family of Jason Chubb, Helen Novak, the family of Gloria Vanderhoof.

HOME BOUND: Marilyn Baumgras

Chili Lunch

Please stay after worship today for a chili lunch.

A free-will offering will be taken for missions, specifically Red Bird Mission, missionary Sonya Luna, and UMCOR.

Annual Charge Conference

Tuesday, **November 13** at 7:00 pm

All members of Laingsburg UMC have voice and vote at our annual conference.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Jerome DeVine, will be here as well as the churches in our Missional Hub.

We will worship together, then break out into our individual church conferences.

This is a time to celebrate what is going on here at LUMC, so please plan to attend!

Join our Laingsburg community for an ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Isidore Catholic Church on Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm



Classical Bells



Save the date!
Saturday, Dec. 15 at 7 pm!

We have loved the Classical Bells in the past, and they are returning!

The Core Youth Group is serving a pasta dinner before the concert at 5:30, so it will be a wonderful evening!

Calling all musicians, singers, actors, comedians, dancers and bell ringers! We are looking for everyone to share their talents for our First Annual Christmas **Dinner Theater** at Laingsburg UMC on **December 8** at 5pm. If interested in participating, sign up on the clip board. There will be a potluck during the show, so don't forget to bring a dish to pass!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- Choir meets at 8:30 am
- Worship 10:00 am
- Chili Cookoff after worship
- Youth Group 5:30 pm

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- Bible Study 9:30 am
- Food Bank 1-3 pm
- Care Group 1:00 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Pastor's Tuesday at Twilliger's
- United Methodist Women 10:00 am
- Tuesday Tutoring 3:15-4:30 pm
- **Annual Charge Conference 7:00 pm**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Women) 7:30 pm

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- Food Bank 6-8 pm

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
- Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
- Worship 10:00 am
- Trustees 11:00 am
- Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Isidore 7:00 pm

COFFEE HOUR:

11/11: Tom & Sandy Turek

NURSERY:

11/11: Carrie Rathbun/Kim Balcarcel

11/18: Helen Novak/Martha West

11/18: Jennie Kramer/Jessie

Sebenick

Upcoming

11/18: Trustees Meeting moved to this date 11:00 am

11/22: Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed

11/25: Special Offering: UM Student Day

Birthdays and Anniversaries Nov 11-18

11: Floyd Koerner

16: Carrie Rathbun Hawks

16: Clint Hawks

18: Mary Walker

Giving Statements

Please pick up your giving statement on the table outside the sanctuary doors.

HEAD USHER:

November: Brewer Family