



**The Missions Work Area**  
 is collecting outer winter clothing  
 (coats, hats, mittens, snow pants, etc.)  
 for our Free Winter Clothing Store.  
 Our emphasis is on children's clothing,  
 but we do accept adult sizes.

Please place items in the green tubs under the  
 name tag table. We will continue to collect items for the Free  
 Store in October.

**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

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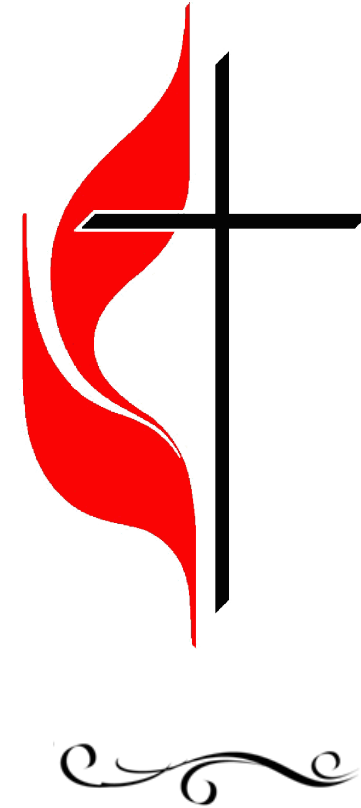
**CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAMS:**

**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: Diana  
Carpenter
- Pianist: Chong Zheng
- Lay Leader: John Peck

**CHURCH STAFF**

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



***Full: "I Didn't Even Know It"***

*Prevenient Grace is a grace that comes to us from God long  
 before we're ever even aware of God's immense love for us.  
 It comes before we even take a first breath. It comes even  
 when we make terrible mistakes, experience wonderful joys,  
 and as we simply live our lives.*

***Rev. Brian G. West . September 16, 2018 • 10am***

# *Welcome to Laingsburg United Methodist Church*

*We are happy that you're here!*

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## **MINISTRY PLUG-INS**

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

**PRELUDE** ~ Lighting of the altar candles

## **TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION**

### **A CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Stand as able*)

Leader: We are here to worship a remarkable God.

**People: The love of God welcomes us. The grace of Christ awaits us.  
The joy of the Spirit enfolds us.**

Leader: Don't come as slaves, come as the truly free. Don't come as petitioners, come as those who are already heard. Don't come as interlopers, come as invited guests. Don't come as the outsiders, come as much wanted children.

**People: The love of God emboldens us. The grace of Christ redeems us. The joy of the Spirit uplifts us.**

Leader: Come as the joyful, come as the eager, come as the thankful, come as the recipients of amazing grace.

**People: The love of God overflows our hearts. The grace of Christ liberates our spirits. The joy of the Spirit sings in our minds.**

**OPENING HYMN** (*Stand as able*)      "Grace Alone"      TFWS 2162

**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.*

## **NOISY OFFERING**

**ANTHEM**      Chapelaire Choir

## **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**      Psalm 139:7-18      Pew Bible pg. 445

**SERMON**      Full:      Pastor Brian  
"I Didn't Even Know It"

**CLOSING HYMN** (*Stand as able*)  
"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"      UMH 400

## **BLESSING**

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

UMH = "United Methodist Hymnal"

TFWS = "The Faith We Sing"

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.

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*Please join us for fellowship & coffee following worship*

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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, Jason Chubb, Edul Hunt-Walsh, Dave Goeckel, Norma Parker, Beverly Rouse, Ed Parker, Kate Plont, Pastor Brian & family on the loss of his father.

**HOME BOUND:** Gloria Vanderhoof, Marilyn Baumgras



has its next meeting on  
**Sunday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 pm.**

Then a **special event on Sunday, Sept. 30.** All youth grades 6-12, and their families, are invited to Peacock Road Family Farm from 4-8 pm for a fun afternoon. At 7:30 a campfire worship service will be held.



## Tuesday Tutoring

Beginning in October, Laingsburg UMC will be hosting "Tuesday Tutoring" at the church in cooperation with the Laingsburg Elementary School. Beginning with a snack provided by volunteers at 3:15, students (1st-5th grade) will arrive and stay for tutoring from 3:30-4:30pm. In order for this to be possible, we need your help. If you are interested in learning more about being a "Tuesday Tutoring" volunteer, please sign up on the clipboard located at the welcome desk. We will also need donations of non-perishable snacks (i.e. Goldfish Crackers, juice boxes, etc.). You can also speak with Pastor Brian West or Discipleship Work Area member Cheri Ramirez.

## Noisy Offering

During Sunday worship in September, the youth will pass their metal buckets for our noisy mission offering. The Missions Work Area has selected Heifer International to receive your donations this year. Start saving your pocket change to create a lot of noise, or consider adding some paper money or a check, possibly for a special designation. For \$20, you may gift a flock of chicks, ducks or geese; for \$30, honeybees or a share in three schools of fish; for \$60, a trio of rabbits or tree seedlings; and for \$120, a pig, sheep or goat. Other gifts are also available. Please see John Peck or Pastor Brian for additional information.



## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

- Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
- Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
- Children's Sunday School 9:00 am
  - Worship 10:00 am
  - Trustees 11:00 am

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Pastor's Tuesday at Twilliger's
  - Quilters 9:30 am

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Food Bank 6-8 pm

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Office Closed

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am
- Children's Sunday School 9:00 am
  - Worship 10:00 am
  - Youth Group 5:30 pm

## Upcoming

9/18: Quilters 9:30 am  
9/30: Special Youth Event 4-8 pm  
at Peacock Rd Farm

## Birthdays and Anniversaries Sept 16-23

16: Tom & Stacey Brewer  
16: Judy Blackledge  
18: Dave & Jessie Sebenick  
19: Shirley Smith  
22: Wendy Venier

### HEAD USHER:

September: Duane Ginther

### COFFEE HOUR:

9/16: Deb McKenzie & Marty Divine 9/23: Clint & Carrie Rathbun Hawks

### NURSERY:

9/16: Kim Balcarcel 9/23: Gwen Ginther/Stacey Brewer