

HOLT UNITED METHODIST

Hotline

March | 2024

March

Hungry World

Our Hungry World offering, which we are collecting throughout the month of March, will support UMCOR Sunday. "This ministry is achieved exclusively through your generosity. Your giving provides hope and safety for communities and individuals whose lives have been upset by storms, wars, fires, displacement and climate change. The special offering on this Sunday underwrites UMCOR's 'cost of doing business' making it possible for UMCOR to focus on responding to communities and individuals when they need immediate assistance. It allows UMCOR to preserve the promise that 100% of any donation to a specific UMCOR project or missionary will go towards that project and not administrative cost." [Click here](#) for more information about UMCOR.



Lent 2024 Menu

Appetizers:

- **Sunday Morning Worship—Every Sunday**
 - ~ 9:30 AM Contemporary Service
 - ~ 9:45 AM Kingdom Kids for ages 4 thru grade 5
 - ~ 11 AM Traditional Service

Entrees:

- **Potluck Dinner**
 - ~ Sunday, March 3 at 5 PM (HUMC Gym)
 - ~ Intergenerational Bible Study included
- **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
 - ~ Sunday, March 17 at 5 PM (HUMC Gym)
 - ~ Intergenerational Bible Study included
- **Traditional Seder Feast**
 - ~ Thursday, March 28 at 5 PM (East Room)

Desserts:

- **Game Day Social Event**
 - ~ Sunday, February 25 at 3 PM (HUMC Gym)
 - ~ Bring a finger food to share
- **Winter Jam Concert**
 - ~ Sunday, March 10 at 4 PM (Van Andel Arena)
 - ~ \$15 per ticket and bring \$ for food
- **Good Friday Service**
 - ~ Friday, March 29 at 12 PM
 - ~ Central UMC, 215 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing
- **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**
 - ~ Friday, March 29 at 7 PM (Holt UMC)
- **Easter Sunday Worship**
 - ~ March 31 at 9:30 AM & 11 AM



Birthdays and Anniversaries

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Evelyn Heald
- 2 Linda Kaschyk
- 3 Dokoda Holt-Sharp
Michelle Kelly
Art Kyler
Adrian Williams
- 4 Mary McPherren
- 5 Margaret Brown
Timothy Waite
- 6 Sherie Ward
- 7 Bea Parker
- 8 Hunter Riley Irwin
Justice Horn
- 9 Kim Fry
- 10 Mckenzie Fox
Dennis Kelley
Baylee Michelle Yeomans
- 11 Connie Birchmeier
Jacob Todd
- 14 Bill Hunt
Nicole Marie Richardson
- 15 Thom Outman
- 17 Patrick DeRosa
- 19 Tom Hetchler
Diana Rochowiak

- 22 Doug Richardson
Nancy Smaltz
- 24 Roger Massman
- 28 Ellen Amos
Bruce Rochowiak
- 29 Nik Alldaffer
Margaret Turner
Kevin Hahn

ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

- Gary & Judi Tropp
- 5 Kevin & Anita Hahn
- 10 Maynard & Eileen Hamilton
- 12 David & Gina Ewen
- 21 Mike & Mary McPherren
- 28 David & Jean Grawburg
David & Elizabeth Todd

NOTE: If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please contact the church office, 517-694-8168, or email holtumc@gmail.com with the information.

PRAYER list...

Adrian Williams—for his dad; Diana Rochowiak—for Bruce Rochowiak recovering from gall bladder surgery; John Choe for my broken leg that is still healing, for my mother who has dementia; Rod Simonson—patience with ongoing radiation therapy; Lillian Damer—my sister, Agnes, who has some serious health issues; Anonymous—for a friend whose fiancé is undergoing treatment for stage 3 melanoma; Pete Gatteri—for the families of cousin, Gale Gatteri, brother-in-law, Don Needham, and neighbor, Louise, on their recent passing, and for our dog, Jedediah; Anonymous—for a very good friend, Carolin, whose husband just passed away; For a niece and her family as they move to a new community 1,000 miles away from their home; For Marie Pratt who fell last week and underwent surgery for a broken jaw; Prayers for all our homebound, cancer patients, and surgery patients; for the lost and the lonely and all the special unspoken requests

From the CEC



Teacher Spotlight — Miss Linda!

A teacher at CEC since 1986!!! Miss Linda enjoys working in the Toddler 2 Room because everyday is a new day and experience for each child. Linda enjoys watching the children explore their surroundings. Even in painting they end up using their hands and most of the time it ends up all over them! But, that is their way of enjoying and exploring. Miss Linda also loves reading stories and having the kids interact with her while she is reading. Miss Linda is all heart and dedication and the CEC could not run without her!



Memorial Garden

We are looking for gardeners who will take over the care of our memorial gardens. Cheryl & Jim Ordway have done this for a number of years but now Cheryl's health will not allow her to continue. Help is needed immediately. Contact the church office at (517) 694-8168 if you are interested.



Worship Together



The Woman with Ointment

March 3

**3rd Sunday in Lent —
“Surprised by Grace: Dinner Interrupted”**

Luke 7:36-50

“But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little.”—Luke 7:47
Sometimes it is difficult to acknowledge that we, too, are sinners. We like to forget our mistakes and just make excuses for our blunders. But today, Jesus is inviting us to come to the table with the woman who knew that she had sinned much and because of her willingness to acknowledge her brokenness, she was ready to receive God’s redeeming love! I invite you to come to worship, hungry, today! Hungry for God’s redemptive love.



March 10

**4th Sunday in Lent—
“Relationships and Reciprocity: Making Room at the Table”**

Luke 14:7-14

Excuse me, “You’re in my seat!” have you ever had the feeling or even asked someone to move because it was important for you to have a specific seat. It may be because it is where you are the most comfortable or it may be because it is the most convenient seat for you to do the work that

you need to do. Today, Jesus serves a feast and invites people to humbly take their seat and to humbly be in relationship with one another. Who is God inviting you to share life with who cannot give you anything back in return? Where and for what is God inviting you to make room?



March 17

**5th Sunday in Lent—
“Excuses and Invitations: Empty Chairs at the Table”**
Luke 14:15-24

I’m not sure if I belong here. What was Jesus thinking? Or are we the one who received Christ’s invitation and chose to turn away—to ignore it? Today as we walk into Luke 14:15-24, these are questions that are worth asking as we seek to understand who is at the table, where our place is at the table and who it is that God is still asking us to invite. How often is it that the one we want to invite is not the one that Christ needs us to share a meal with? Are you ready to open your eyes?



March 24

**Palm Sunday—
“Hospitality and Discipleship: A Meal with Chosen Family”**

Join us in-person at 9:30 AM & 11 AM on Sundays.

Watch the live-stream at www.facebook.com/holtumc/

John 12:1-8

Palm Sunday is a tough one. It is the day that we celebrate Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, while remembering that it happens just before Jesus is crucified. We will come to the table with Mary, one of Jesus’ beloved, and witness her passion for Jesus. It begs us to respond to the question, “How will I love Jesus with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength?” (Mark 12:30, Deut. 6:4-5) It also invites us to wrestle with tough questions of how we are called to live out our faith. Are you ready to walk to Calvary?

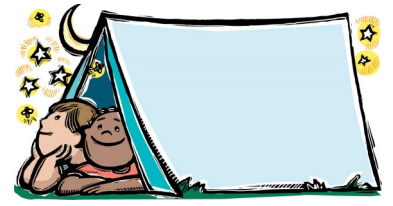


March 31

**Easter Sunday—
Revived by the Breaking of Bread**
Luke 24:13-35, Luke 24:1-12

Today, as we celebrate the Risen Christ, we celebrate how Jesus showed himself to the disciples in the breaking of the bread and in the sharing of the cup. We will celebrate Jesus conquering of sin and death and the new Life that Jesus offers to us. As we encounter the Risen Christ, what hopes and dreams do we bring? How will we, along with the disciples, encounter this year’s Easter joy and dine with our Savior?

Summer Camping Opportunities



LAKE LOUISE "FREE" FAMILY SATURDAY, April 6, 2024

Saturday, April 6, come with your family for the day and enjoy lake Louise Camp, 11037 Thumb Lake Rd., Boyne Falls, MI and check out the Maple Syrup operation. Hotdog roast around noon. RSVP's appreciated.

Join Kevin and Anita Hahn, April 7-11, to build community and learn about making Maple Syrup. \$50 per night (3 meals included). RSVP to Pastor Anita.

SUMMER FAMILY CAMP, July 12-14, 2024



Join your church family this summer! Contact Lake Michigan Campground @ info@lakemichigancamp.org, 231-869-5627 Meals, fellowship, free time and worship coordinated with one another. Rates \$36-80 per night depending on the amenities you want. If you need any gear or help, contact Patty Leonard at: 517-719-4697.

There are summer camp opportunities at *Lake Michigan Family Campground (Pentwater, MI), *Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center (Dowling, MI), and *Lake Huron Retreat Center (Burtchville, MI) and Lake Louise Camp (Boyne Falls, MI) Check out more information at their websites: *www.graceoutside.org and at lakelouisecommunity.org. If you are attending camp this summer or need financial support, please, share that information with Gretchen, in the Church office.

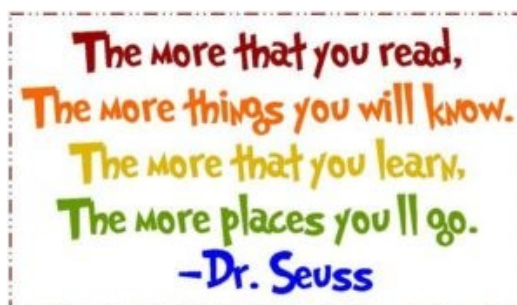
National Reading Month



Staff: Our Favorite Books

Did you know that March is National Reading Month? It is a celebration that encourages reading for all ages and promotes reading as a key feature for learning, social, and professional development. Below you will see many of our staff members favorite books. If you've never read one of these books, this is a great time to pick one up and read it or you could simply ask one of our staff members why that book is their favorite!

- Pastor Anita: The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul by Deborah Rodriguez
- David LaLone: The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
- Gretchen Williams: The Hunger Games Series by Suzanne Collins
- Dokoda Holt-Sharp: The Giver by Lois Lowry
- Chelsea Bolas: The Fifth Agreement by Don Miguel Ruiz, Don Jose Ruiz, and Janet Mills
- Randi Bolding: Big Dog, Little Dog by P. D. Eastman
- Benjamin Torres: The Answer is... by Alex Trebek
- Jeff Kegler: To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Genadi Zagor: Queen of Spades—poem by Alexander Pushkin
- Amy Larner: A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffett



United Women in Faith (A.K.A. United Methodist Women)

Holt United Women in Faith welcomes and encourages any women in our congregation who care about the well-being of women and children locally, statewide and globally to participate with United Women in Faith. We have two circles that meet monthly: MAUDY PRISCILLA (now meeting on the third Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Youth Room 2 at the church); CAROLINE circle meets the third Tuesday of the month in the East Room at the church and comes together at 1 p.m. The circles generally have brief meetings and then an interesting program is presented, often about missions that need our help; prayer concerns are addressed and as always, a dessert made by members of the HUMC unit is enjoyed. If you can't join in a circle meeting, remember that membership at large is offered so that you can participate in projects either hands-on or even financially. If you want more information about the programs and missions of United Women in Faith, please visit uwfaith.org, or umwmichiganconference.org.

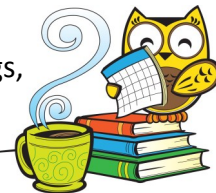
Holt United Women in Faith is excited that on TUESDAY, MAY 14, at 7:00 p.m. we are hosting a program for everyone! ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: A Call to Hope and Action will be presented by Jacob and Pastor Audra Stone who are co-conveners of the Environmental Justice Task Force of the Michigan United Methodist Church. This young couple will talk about our planet's increasing need for justice and healing. Rising global temperatures, polluted ecosystems threaten our collective health, food, water and future. Mark your calendars and join us as we learn why a bold and immediate response is needed from all of us throughout the world.

Please contact Mary McPherran (marymcph@comcast.net or by phone at 517-914-1647), Holt's membership chair, if you would like more details about joining the Holt unit.

Library News

The United Women in Faith (A.K.A. United Methodist Women) continue their yearly tradition of purchasing books for our church library. The 2024 selections are scripturally based, offering books suitable for all readers including children and youth. The 2024 titles join with the 2019-2023 titles located on a wheeled cart in the library. We invite you to visit the library, finding a book that can offer solace and adventure or a balm for the heart, or a challenge to the mind. Amid the many changes that life inevitably brings, books remain a powerful companion.

~A United Women in Faith member



Small Group Opportunities

- Sundays at 9:30 AM—Adult Sunday School (Library)—led by Robert Risley
- Select Sundays at 5 PM—Dinner & Intergenerational Bible Study—Studying “Meeting Jesus at the Table” (Gym/Fellowship Hall)
- Tuesdays at 9:30 AM—Studying Matthew (Zoom)—led by Pastor Anita
- Tuesdays at 1:30 PM—Studying “Meeting Jesus at the Table” (East Room)—led by Gordon Galloway
- Tuesdays at 4 PM—Studying Matthew (Great Lakes Christian Homes)—led by Pastor Anita
- Wednesdays at 7 AM—Studying the book “Think Like Jesus” (Bob Evans, S. Lansing)—Led by Bob Trout; Contact Maynard Hamilton
- Thursdays at 1 PM—Prayer Group (Chapel)—led by David LaLone—Come together and pray over the concerns of the church and the community. And practice spiritual disciplines together.



Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale for this year will be April 11, 12, and 13. Please save all your treasures and the date so we can have many workers to help. See Margaret Brown for more info.



Ministry Team Spotlight

Finance Ministry Team

The Finance Team currently consists of Kevin Fox (Chairperson), Lyle Edinger, Gordon Galloway, Jeff Kaschyk, and Rebecca Kegler, with involvement from Pastor Anita. The Team is responsible for the financial aspects of the church's operations, including the annual giving process, development of an annual budget, depositing and recording our gifts, processing vendor and other payments, financial reporting to the Leadership Team and Charge Conference, etc. Overall and most importantly, the Team is responsible for the stewardship of the church's financial resources! Our Team meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:45 PM in the East Room or via video conferencing. We have many additional volunteers who assist our Team by collecting and processing our offerings, reconciling our bank statements, etc. It's a team effort and everyone has a role. If you have interest in helping our Team and the many others who already are gracious to share their time and skills, please let us know. We'd love to have you join us!



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