



Soundings



Lambertville United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Page

"To Be Sent"

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

-John 20:21

Good morning and god's blessings brothers and sisters in the name of the risen Christ!

As you read this, spring is slowly arriving. New leaves are beginning to bud on the branches of the trees in our yards, flowers have started to shoot up from the ground, and it all serves as a reminder for us of the resurrecting power of God.

We spent the season of Lent attempting to gain new understandings of the season and its purpose. We have studied the broad significance of the season, and looked at ways we might be called in our personal and communal faith journeys to go deeper in our relationship with God. If you took the time of the season to do these things, my hope is that you will continue the journeys you began. If not, I pray that one day you will find more time for your faith.

We now leave Lent and move into the season of Easter, a time in which we come alongside the first disciples of Jesus to marvel at the resurrection power of God. We hear again the familiar stories: the disciples hiding out of fear of association, the appearances of Jesus, the doubts of Thomas, breakfast on the shores of Galilee. We come alongside the disciples that we may find clarity and certainty that Christ Jesus is indeed raised, and because of that the world has changed. It can be a comfort to hear these stories while living in a world that consistently provides reasons and excuses to doubt.

Each Gospel, *though they differ at times subtly and at other times substantially*, ends with Jesus telling the disciples that they are to be sent into this world (Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, John 20:21-23).

Matthew says that the disciples are sent to make disciples, to baptize, to teach. Mark says they are sent to preach. Luke says in the book of Acts (same author) that they will be sent as witnesses. John says that the disciples are sent because Jesus was sent, to heal and forgive in a world of harm and grudges.

What might God be sending you out to do this season? As people who proclaim that we follow Christ, this is a question we must wrestle with throughout our lives. While we may not all have the skills to minister on behalf of Christ in the way we normally understand that word, all of Jesus' followers are called to minister wherever we are and however we can. We might not think we can teach, yet all of us have skills and understandings that can be passed on through how we speak and how we act. We might not think we can preach, but we all have stories of the saving actions of God in our lives that are important and should be shared. The reality is that Jesus knows all of the ways in which we doubt or belittle ourselves, ***yet even knowing that, he sends us anyways and expects results in time.*** Jesus sends us because we have built relationships with him. Jesus sends us because he trusts us. Jesus sends us that we might be tested; knowing that testing is the only way to grow genuinely deep faith. Jesus sends us, and we are meant to go, because we know what Jesus says is true. We go because though we had doubt, He is raised. We go because God has given us the gift of salvation, not so we may hoard it for ourselves, but that all the world will one day know that they are saved and loved. We are sent, because He was sent.

What is stopping you from going today?

Rev. Bryan Kilpatrick

ONE Worship service– Palm Sunday

On Sunday, **March 29** we will have ONE Worship service at 10:00am with a potluck immediately following.

Maundy Thursday drop-in times

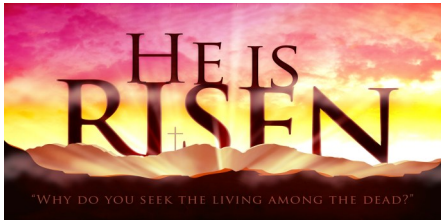
Join us on Thursday, **April 2** from **8-12** or **4:30pm-6:30pm** to reflect on the stations of the cross. We will treat this time just like we did for Ash Wednesday where you can drop-in between those times during the day and Pastor Bryan will be there to join you.

Good Friday service

Our Good Friday service will take place on Friday, **April 3** at 12:00. Join us as we remember Jesus' death on the cross.

Easter

Join us on Sunday, **April 5** at 8:30am or 10:30am for our worship services as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection



Morning Bible Study

Every Wednesday we have a Bible Study in the narthex at 9:30am. During this hour of study we focus on a specific book of the Bible and gradually read through it while discussing what is happening. It is a very informative and fun group to be part of. We are currently reading through Isaiah.

Study for Lent continues

The last day for the Lent Bible Study will be Wednesday, **April 1**.

Junior Church

Junior Church is every Sunday at 10:30am during church service. If you have a K-8th grader please bring them to church to learn the stories of the Bible.

Youth group

We have youth group every Sunday night at 6:30 pm in the youth room. This group learns about the Bible through a devotional and discussion and then plays games and has snacks. It is such a fun group!



Lent Soup Suppers

Join the youth weekly as they have soup supper every Wednesday at 6:00pm until Easter. Bring a favorite soup, dessert or just yourself and join in great fellowship.

April Mission

We are continuing to donate to UMCOR . We are focusing on the Michigan Conference Preparation and Disaster Response 3007. If you would like to donate then please mark UMCOR on the specials line. So far we have raised \$380!

Thank you

Thank you so very much to A.J. Wink and Brooke Brown who have spent countless days organizing the junior church room, it looks incredible!

Thank you to Robin Erb, A.J. Wink and Brooke Brown for stepping up to teach Junior Church, we are so appreciative!

Thank you to the Trustees for cleaning out the storage closet in the education wing, that took a lot of time and effort and we appreciate all who could help!!!

Lawn mowing

It's that time of year again. We are needing volunteers to mow the lawn on a weekly basis. If we have enough people sign up this would only require you to mow once a month or less. If you have never mowed before and would like to help out with this, reach out to the office and we will get you set up for a tutorial on the mowers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex after Easter for anyone who can help us out with this. Thank you!

Help with weeds

It is that time of year again when all the nice weeds start to come up around the church and in the memorial garden. If you can help with pulling weeds then feel free to stop by anytime you have a free minute and pick to your hearts content. Thank you!

Custodian needed

We are in need of a custodian for the church. This is a 5-10 hour per week job and is very flexible, however we will need you to be here after special events to make sure everything is good for Sunday services. The job includes dusting and vacuuming all the church, sweeping and mopping the gym floor once a week, cleaning the kitchen, bathrooms, and seasonal cleaning, amongst other tasks. If this is something you would be interested in, please let the office know and we can give you more details.

Membership News

“I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgiving be offered to God for all people.”

(1 Timothy 2:1)

General Intercessory Prayers:

Families dealing with Depression, Grieving Families, Marriages, Missionaries, Service Men & Women, Shut-ins, Unemployed, Unspoken, Youth

Individual Intercessory Prayers:

Brenda Wobser, Rich Schroeder, Phyllis Dudek, Mary Jones, Pat Villarreal, Cathy Roberts, Debbie Krabach, Sandy Reilly, Tom Mavis, Sandy Stinefield, Dave Shadler, Marcia Brown, Mary Anne Bair, Carol Mavis, Carol Rayle, Heidi Barnette

Shut-Ins:

Sue Roach, Brenda Wobser, Vicki Clouse, Rose Leighty, Marcia Smotherman, Ethel Mull

Extended Church family & community:

Cindy Vedra’s brother-in-law, Pat, Debbie Needle’s, brother, Kay Platt’s brother Wayne Stewart and sister-in-law, Ruby, Cathy Robert’s cousin, Sister Ann, Dianna Snyder’s son, Jeremiah and husband, Tom, McIntire’s sister-in-law, Marianna, Jim Villarreal’s cousin, Barbara, and sister, Ellie, Brooke Brown’s mom, sister, and friend’s, Bonnie and Steve, Susie Chandler’s brother, Jim, Phyllis Dudek’s son, Jeff, Mary Jones’s friend, Chris, Jim Dornberg’s sister, Nancy, Dick Light’s son-in-law, Nac, Joyce Earley’s son, Jim, Paul & Linda Leonhard’s friend, Kathy, Marsha Frank’s sister, Sandy, Mary Anne Bair’s sisters, Judy & Susan

Military serving :

Alex Perry
Amanda Needles

***If you would like to remove or add your loved one to the list please contact the office at:
office@lambertvilleumc.org**



Praise time

We pray for many people on our prayer chain and we would love to hear any praises that you may have. On the last Sunday of the month during the prayer time we will be updating the congregation with these praises. Feel free to write these down so that they can be shared during this time.

Sharing your testimonies

Was there a time in your life when you realized that God was in control and things would have worked out very differently if He was not with you? We are looking for people to share their testimonies with the church on a given Sunday. If this is something you would like to do, please contact pastor Bryan and he will walk you through the next steps.

**Lambertville United Methodist
Church Mission Statement:**

Guiding everyday people into an amazing connection with Jesus

Vision Statement:

Equipping ourselves with the armor of God to build bridges and bring others into the kingdom



**March Soundings
are sponsored by:
Susie Chandler– in memory of her
husband, Jim Chandler**

Ushers needed

If you can help out by ushering at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Thank you! If you need direction on what this involves we can help with that as well.

Greeters needed

If you would like to help out by greeting people and handing them a program then please sign up for either first or second service on the sheet in the narthex.

Trustees—Cemetery Lots for sale

The church is in possession of several cemetery lots at Toledo Memorial Park. They are being offered to the congregation at \$800 per lot (current price from Toledo Memorial Park is \$1200 per lot). If you are interested in purchasing a lot or lots, please contact the office.

Kroger rebate

If you have a Kroger card and would like to add our church to your community rewards, we would greatly appreciate it. If you need help with this process, please ask the office and we would be happy to assist you. So far we have received \$93.64 to go towards our general fund.

Soundings sponsor

If you would like to sponsor the soundings for the month in honor of or in memory of someone, please sign up on the list in the narthex. The cost is \$35 and this can be paid through the offering. Mark soundings sponsor on your offering envelope on the specials line.


From the Trustees

Hello to all from your Trustees. We wanted to let you know of a few things that we've been working on to keep your church in great condition. Led by Amy, Dick, Brian Fellman, Kent and I were able to do a major "de-clutter" in the last room down the education wing where the chairs and tables are kept. We were able to move many items out to the barn since we organized that and we also pitched some items. You may have also seen a few items in the Narthex that you can have if you'd like them. If not, we will pitch them and keep the facility free of those items not needed. Brian enjoyed the clean up work so much he decided to get some work done on the Sanctuary windows on the South side of the building. He has scraped old paint, sanded and is ready to apply fresh paint once the weather changes for the better. Thanks Brian! Last, **we have scheduled our annual clean up, aka "Grubby Sunday", for May 31st after the one service. If you are available to help, it certainly would be appreciated. Enjoy your Sunday Service and please don't forget to let us know of anything you notice that needs attention. With your help, we can stay on top of facility upkeep.**


Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

Psalm 126:2





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APRIL BIRTHDAYS 2026

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| 1– Amanda Needles | 12– David Conn |
| 4– Steve Nowakowski | 14– Bob Smotherman |
| 5– Daniel Trumbell | 15– Cece Kilpatrick |
| 6– Claudia Schroeder | 17– Linda Bodine |
| 7– Karen Daniel | 17– Jean Robinson |
| 7– Trevor Horace | 18– Martha Stubbs |
| 7– Pat Hinshaw | 19– Lu Ann Bauer |
| 8– Cheryl Rayle | 22– Jacob Lohr |
| 11– Diane Shull | 22– Sandy Stinefield |
| 12– Dawn Tyndall-Sheater | 28– Phil Lavoy |
| 12– Eliza Smith | 29– Victor Robinson |
| 12– Brittany Smith | |



Happy Birthday



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 PALM SUNDAY 10:00am– ONE Worship service 11:00am– Potluck 6:30pm Youth group 8:00pm Basketball	30 10:00am– Pickleball 6:00pm– Basketball 7:30pm– Baseball	31 10-11am food pantry 9am– Figure factory 5:00pm– Twirl MI 8:00pm– Basketball	1 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am– Pickleball 1:00pm Custodial cleaning 6:00pm– Soup supper 6:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Basketball	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 8am-12– drop-in times for Maundy Thursday 4:30pm-6:30– drop-in times for Maundy Thursday 9am– Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:30pm– Twirl MI	3 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00PM– Good Friday service 7:00pm Basketball	4 Party– Micua
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