



# Soundings



Lambertville United Methodist Church

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## Pastor's Page

### Applying Lent

*"...if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."*

**-Matthew 17:20b**

Happy March LUMC family!

Last month, you may remember that my article introduced the theme of our Lenten season *Understanding Lent*. Continuing this theme, I thought it might be helpful to begin moving the conversation toward *applying* the understandings we gain. After all, understanding does no one any good if it cannot be applied to our own life and actions.

We began the season discussing temptation; our tendency to avoid or hide it, and the call of Lent inviting us to confront them as Jesus confronted his own temptations in the wilderness. But *how do we confront those temptations in a way that is safe, honest, and effective?* Perhaps more importantly, *how do we move through our temptations that they may no longer hold sway as they currently do in our lives?* While I can't make tailored recommendations for everyone, I would like to offer some suggestions that could help you on the journey.

**1) Honestly name and claim your temptation.** We all have them. Most of us hide them. I think the various 12-step programs have this figured out pretty well. *We cannot fix problems if we are not willing to be honest about them or recognize them as problems.* Perhaps your problem is the amount of time you spend on your phone each day, a temptation because it can lead us to places of greater temptation or because it takes time away from our families and our faith lives. Perhaps your temptation is a more 'traditional' vice-smoking, drinking, gambling, etc. Whatever your temptation is, ***name it and claim it.*** There is no shame in progress. Say it out loud to yourself or write it down with the admission that it is a temptation. Say something like, "I am \_\_\_\_\_, and my temptation is \_\_\_\_\_."

**2) Begin to think about how this temptation has affected your life.** Continue by thinking about how much time the temptation takes up in your life and the impact it has had on health, relationships, etc. *Has your temptation taken up an exorbitant amount of your time? Has your temptation gotten you in trouble because you chose the temptation over other things? Has your temptation caused harm to you, your relationships, your faith, etc.?* We can write all of this down as well as part of our acknowledgement of our temptations.

**3) Make a plan to work through your temptation.** Begin to think about the things you could do to reduce the amount of power your temptation has on your life. Perhaps there are ***places where you feel more strongly tempted*** that you could consider avoiding or visiting less frequently. Perhaps the time you spent on your temptation can be replaced with prayer or Bible reading (this is 'Lent' as we typically understand it). Perhaps when you are faced with the temptation again, you say to yourself *"hello, temptation. I know what you are, how you impact my life, and today I say NO."*

These tips simply scratch the surface of how we can better confront our temptations in faith. Each one of us is tempted differently by different things, and each of us will respond differently as we gain a better understanding of them. My hope is that we can continue to reflect on our temptations and more this Lenten season, remembering always that ***we do not walk this journey alone.***

May you continue to love God, serve as Christ, and let the Spirit lead!

**Rev. Bryan Kilpatrick**

### Music group event

Join us on Sunday, **March 1** at 3:00pm for a special event. The band, Common Grace will be coming to our church to share their love of music with us. Invite your friends, family, neighbors and anyone you come across. Lets try to fill our church for this special event!

### 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

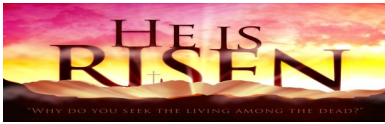
Join us on Thursday, **April 2** from **8-12** or **4:30pm-6:30pm** to reflect on the stations of the cross. We will treat this time just like we did for Ash Wednesday where you can drop-in between those times during the day and Pastor Bryan will be there to join you.

### 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 Lent study continues on Wednesday, **March 4** at 6:30pm in the library as Pastor digs into the book, "Knowing Who We Are" by Lacey C. Warner. This book discusses the richer understanding of Wesleyan Christianity so that you can better understand and express your beliefs.

### Junior Church

Junior Church will start up again on Sunday, **March 1** during our 10:30 service. Thank you to Robin Erb for stepping up to be the leader and to AJ Wink and Brooke Brown who stepped up to teach alongside Robin. We appreciate all of you!

### 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.

### Missions

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Heifer project! We raised **\$608** which allows us to buy 20 flocks of chicks for people in need of food. Thank you all for your generosity!!!

### Offering envelopes

If you did not get your offering envelopes please stop by the office and I will be happy to get these for you.

### Game afternoon

Our next game afternoon is Sunday, **March 15** from 3-5pm. Bring your favorite game, a snack or just yourself and come have fun with your church family!

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, **March 28** we will be having an Easter egg hunt event. Registration starts at 1:30pm and the egg hunt will start at 2 and go until they are found. Bring your little ones and come enjoy a fun time at the church! If you can help out with this please let the office know.



### Easter Flowers

Once again we have Easter flowers that you can order. Fill out an envelope in the narthex with what kind of flower you would like and please fill in if it is in memory or in honor of someone. The cost is \$11 for lilies and \$10 for hyacinths, tulips and daffodils. Please put the money in the envelope and leave it on the church desk. We need all the orders by **March 6** so we can ensure the correct amount. Thank you! After Easter services please make sure you take your flowers with you.



**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

***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

**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](mailto:office@lambertvilleumc.org)**



**Red Cross blood drive**

Our next blood drive is **March 17** from 12-6. Please go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to sign up to donate.

**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. Last year we received **\$440.23**. This adds up quickly for just doing your normal grocery shopping.

### 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

Thank you to the generous people who stepped up to pay for the door closer, the band width overcharge and the hot water heater! We appreciate all of you!

The Trustees have been hard at work once again. A new hot water heater was installed in the education wing, the door stopper was fixed, the barn door closure was fixed, the women's toilet along with the water fountain are not continuously running, praise God!

There have been so many small and larger projects that have been completed that it is too many to count. Thank you Trustees!

### Thank you

Thank you to the SPRC for working with the district to help find a new Pastor for the church. We appreciate all your time with the District Superintendent and the paperwork that comes with this huge task!

Thank You  
  
for your Kindness

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


### Funny jokes

A child was in church with their mother when they started to feel sick. "Can we leave now?" They asked. "No," their mother said. "But I'm going to throw up," the child insisted. Their mother told them to go throw up outside behind a bush. The child left and returned a few moments later. "How did you go outside so fast?" their mother asked. "I didn't have to go outside," the child said. "There's a box in the lobby that says 'For The Sick.'"


A pastor wanted to skip church. They told their assistant they were sick. Then they drove to a golf course in another town where no one would see them. They teed off at the first hole and a huge gust of wind came, pushing the ball across the green for a hole in one. In Heaven, an angel asked God, "Why did you move the ball?" God smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

A woman told her pastor, "I'm so sorry my husband walked out of your sermon." "It did confuse me," the pastor replied. "He meant no disrespect," she said. "He's been sleepwalking ever since he was a child."





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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS 2026**

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| 1– Julianne Hanna    | 15– Regan Dawes        |
| 2– Madison Panning   | 15– Susan Mitchell     |
| 4– Sally Bouton      | 16– Clare Allen        |
| 4– Beverly Glenn     | 17– David Hauser       |
| 5– Paul Taylor       | 18– Avery Lisk         |
| 5– Barb Shaneour     | 20– Debbie Needles     |
| 9– Marilyn Gill      | 21– Marcia Smotherman  |
| 9– Kyle Ohneck       | 21– Casey Smith        |
| 10– Marsha Duvendack | 22– Lynne Bauerschmidt |
| 10– Lauryn Horace    | 23– Sue Robinson       |
| 10– Shellie Conn     | 24– Toni Hall          |
| 11– Pam Krell        | 25– Shirley Rose       |
| 11– Owen Lisk        | 27– Nancy Fox          |
| 12– Debbie Krabach   | 28– Lowell Gill        |
| 13– Chris Hanna      | 29– Pam Conway         |
| Bobbie Hudson        |                        |



*Happy Birthday*



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Jr. church <b>3:00pm- Music event</b> 4:00pm- Soccer 6:30pm Youth group 8:00pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>10:00am- Pickleball 4:30pm- Basketball 6:00pm- Basketball 7:30pm- Baseball</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10-11am food pantry 9am- Figure factory 5:00pm- Twirl MI 5:45pm- Girl Scouts 8:00pm- Basketball</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:30am Bible Study 10:00am- Pickleball 1:00pm Custodial cleaning 6:00pm- Soup supper 6:00pm Bible Study 7:30pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9am- Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:30pm- Twirl MI</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>4:15pm Softball 5:30pm Softball 7:00pm Basketball</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
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