



# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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## *Lenten & Easter Events*

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| Saturday,<br>March 17th | 11:00am                   | <b>Ladies Lenten Luncheon</b><br>All ladies of the church are invited to our annual Lenten Luncheon in the fellowship hall. Food and entertainment will be provided at NO charge. Please bring your family and friends. For more information, please contact Diane Tennant at 744.5893   |
| Thursday,<br>March 29th | 7:00pm                    | <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b><br>Maundy Thursday is an alternate name for Holy Thursday. As recorded in John's gospel, on his last night before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and then gave them a new commandment to love one another as he had loved them. We'll be honoring this night with a 45 minute service that includes congregational singing, a message, and communion. (Childcare provided) |
| Friday,<br>March 30th   | Noon                      | <b>Good Friday Service</b><br>Join us at <b>Community UMC</b> on Good Friday as we partner with First Lutheran to remember Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, death, and burial. (Childcare provided)  |
| Friday,<br>March 30th   | 1:00pm                    | <b>24-Hour Prayer Vigil</b><br>The vigil, held in our sanctuary, offers you the opportunity for quiet meditation, prayer, and reflection on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Half an hour time slots are available and complete details are on the bulletin board. For more info, please contact Diane Tennant at 744.5893   |
| Sunday,<br>April 1st    | 7:00am                    | <b>Easter Sunrise Service</b><br>We'll begin our Easter celebration with a brief, deeply meaningful sunrise service in our courtyard.  |
| Sunday,<br>April 1st    | 7:30am<br>thru<br>11:00am | <b>Breakfast</b><br>All are invited to a delicious Easter breakfast hosted by our youth. A free-will donation will be taken and all profits with benefit the ASP mission trip fund.  |
| Sunday,<br>April 1st    | 9:00am                    | <b>Easter Worship</b><br>Childcare/kids church available for children birth—4th  |
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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**March 6th**  
Red Cross  
Blood Drive

**March 11th**  
Spring Forward  
Daylight Savings

**March 18th**  
UMW Cookie Sale  
and  
Potluck

## **ATTENDANCE**

Here are attendance figures for February 2017 (and Feb 2016)

|         | 1st Service | 2nd Service | 2018 Totals | 2017 Totals |
|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2/4/18  | 45          | 31          | 76          | 135         |
| 2/11/18 | 81          | 66          | 147         | 158         |
| 2/18/18 | 65          | 40          | 105         | 139         |
| 2/25/18 | 78          | 54          | 132         | 140         |

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

Help boost the Red Cross blood supply by donating Tuesday, March 6th from noon-6pm in our fellowship hall. Volunteers also needed for registration and canteen. For information, contact Kim Wood at 670.3969

## **POTLUCK**

Consider joining us for a church potluck on Sunday, March 18th at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall downstairs. Please come and share a meal and conversation with church friends. Bring a generous dish to share. Tableware and beverages will be available. At our March potluck we'll be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Think Irish and green.

## **UNITED METHODIST MENS BREAKFAST**

Attention All Men! Local United Methodist Men (UMM) are invited to a breakfast at Lake Harbor UMC (4861 Henry St) on Saturday, March 10th at 9:30am. If you are interested in attending, please contact George Harryman at 744.7325 so he can get a headcount.

## **COOKIE WALK**

The Sarah Circle is planning a cookie walk Sunday, March 18th, between the two services. It will be a fund raiser for the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission trip our youth go on each summer. All proceeds will go to the project. A variety of homemade cookies will be sold by the pound. Members of the congregation are needed to help with this by donating cookies to be sold. Otherwise plan on bringing extra cash to upgrade your stash of cookies before the holidays. If you have questions, please contact Betty VandeWater at 744-1315

## **FAMILY CAMPING**

Bring your tents or RV's and come camping with us. As a church family, we're camping Memorial Day weekend from Friday, May 25-Monday, May 28 at our conference campground located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Pentwater. ([www.lakemichigancampandretreat.org](http://www.lakemichigancampandretreat.org)). Cost is \$40/night + \$5/person. (included is your campsite, meal on Friday evening, coffee each morning, and breakfast on Saturday) The last day to sign up is Sunday, March 4th and payment is due at sign up.

## **March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1—Kim Blastic, Ann Bleakley, Phil Friesner  
2—Don Aley, Dan Holcomb  
4—Ellen Tubergen, Ken Slorf  
6—Anne Bevelhymmer  
8—Jim Harkness  
9—Clieve Hendrick  
10—George Brown  
11—Cole Blastic  
12—Linda Rink, Beth Hibbs  
13—Lisa Ramsey  
14—Magann Dykema  
15—Howard Swanson  
17—Shirley Wickland  
20—Richard Goszkowicz, Larry & Vicki Kaiser\*,  
Denny & Carol Kulicamp\*, Phil & Diane Tennant\*,  
Brian & Beth Hibbs\*  
21—Tom & Ingrid Porritt\*, Jerry & Judy Slicker\*  
22—Jake Hoffer, Inez Schaub  
23—Justin Fairfield, Diane Martin, Sharon Myers  
24—Denny Kulicamp  
27—Joyce Andree  
28—Stacie Vander Velde  
29—David Dykema  
31—David Purtee  
\* denotes anniversary

## **EASTER LILIES**

Easter lilies are available for purchase to be placed in the sanctuary during Easter Sunday (and then taken home). Orders must be received no later than **Sunday, March 11th** and payment must be included with your order. Please contact Wendy in the church office with any questions at 231.744.4491 or [wendy@communitychurchumc.org](mailto:wendy@communitychurchumc.org)

### **Easter Lily Order Form**

I would like to place an order for \_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at \$9.00/ea

In honor of

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In memory of

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My name is

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**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Mission auction is Saturday, May 5th**

If you would like to include news into the monthly newsletter, please submit an announcement form to the church office by the 20th of each month by dropping it off or emailing to:

wendy@communitychurchumc.org

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**Nominations:** Pastor Jeremy (720.5422)

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**Staff Parish Relations:** Roy Beetham (286-9393)

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