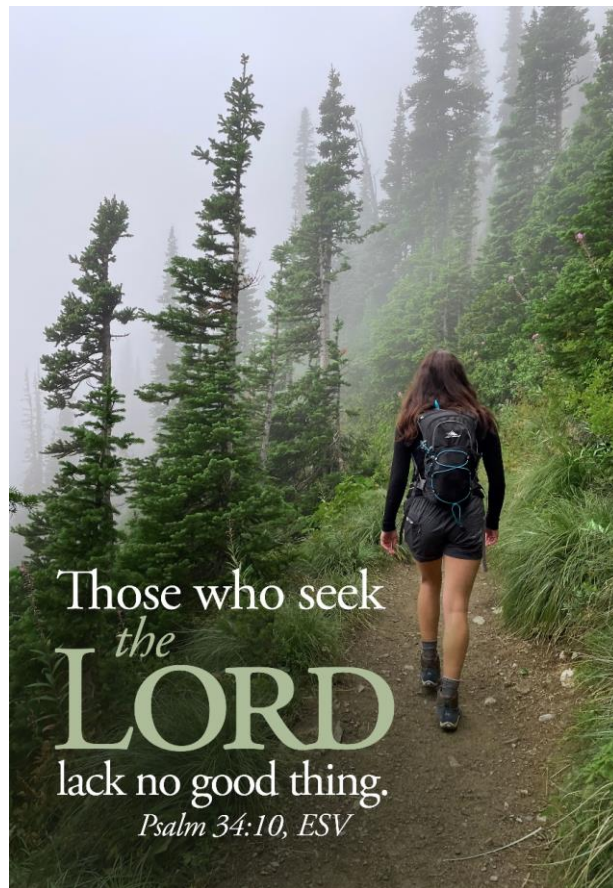


# Leominster

United Methodist Church

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2024 | 9:30am



*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ  
for the transformation of the world.*

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we turn to you on behalf of one another and the whole hurting world.

**Gentle Spirit, have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn	"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	UMH #57
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\*The Peace

Opening Prayer	Jamie Filteau
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**PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS**

Children’s Message	Pastor Michelle
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Prayer for Illumination	Jamie Filteau
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**Eternal God,  
in the reading of the scriptures, may your Word be heard;  
in the meditations of our hearts, may your word be known;  
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

Psalm Reading	Psalm 34:1-14	Jamie Filteau
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*Gospel Lesson	Mark 10:46-52	Pastor Michelle
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\*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Sermon

Pastor Michelle

## **RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS**

Anthem

“Take My Voice, and  
Let Me Sing”

Senior Choir

Havergal/Kupferschmid

Invitation to Offering

Jamie Filteau

Offertory

Marcia Bisson

*Commitment Cards, Prayer Cards, and Visitor Information  
Cards may be placed in the offering plates along with  
monetary gifts.*

\*Doxology

UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

Jamie Filteau

Prayers of the People

Pastor Michelle

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH #895

Pastor Michelle

## **GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE**

The Life of LUMC

Pastor Michelle

\*Recessional

“The Summons”

TFWS #2130

Hymn

\*Benediction

Pastor Michelle

Postlude

“Praise the Lord”

Marcia Bisson

R. Loree



*The Call to Worship was written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, adapted by Michelle Ashley. The Opening Prayer was written by Michael Beu. The Prayer for Illumination is ©1986 United Church of Christ, Office for Church Life and Leadership.*



*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall  
for refreshments and conversation  
immediately following the Worship  
Service.*

## *Please Pray For...*

### *Church Members*

Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's disease

James Stephen

Malie Marino, chronic health issues

Nancy Dougherty, dementia

Bruce Shaheen for relief from back & hip pain

Continued prayers for Joyce & Bob Barclay for medical issues

Praise for Becky's pregnancy (Diana Hamilton-Rousseau)

### *Family and Friends of Church Members*

Rebecca Parent (daughter of Maryann Kane)

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

Melissa, cancer (Diana)

Bob O'Neill, Bladder Cancer (Edith)

Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression

Yvonne battling pancreatic cancer

Michelle, Prayers for best results from biopsy and for her faith (Karen)

Phineas Funk, that he may find his way (The Funk & Gabriel families)

Linda Gilpatrick for reoccurrence of cancer (Sam)

Scott Rankin

Sara and Ellie Kaufmann for healing. (Lynn Ayars)

Jodi & Bill Fowler struggling with chronic illness

Tristan to find his way to improvement (Dawn Prince)

Ruth, leukemia (Leeda Marsh)

Gram Caron & the Caron family as Gram recovers (Evan)

Praise for Bob & Jean Wylie's new great grandson

\*Healing for Carol, Belinda's daughter in law

\*Healing for Carol with liver cancer (Mel)

\*Dulcie Kabia for speedy recovery from stroke while visiting in Sri Lanka

### ***Those who are grieving***

Family of Tracey Toomey

Bruce & Anne Marie Shaheen for the loss of Aunt Mary

Galen & Desi Schad on the loss of their grandmother Ruth Stowe

Kim French and family on the loss of their husband and father

Galen and Desi Schad's godfather who passed away

### ***Our World***

All Nations & people affected by war

All affected by natural disasters

All affected by violence in its many forms

Victims of recent hurricanes

### ***Our Leaders***

Bishop Bickerton, D.S. Megan Stowe, Pastor Michelle

All of our civic leaders & elected officials

*Please note that in order to keep our prayer list up to date, names are removed as requested or after 8 weeks. If you have a concern you would like added, please fill out a prayer card & place it in the offering plate. (\*) Indicates new requests added in the past week.*

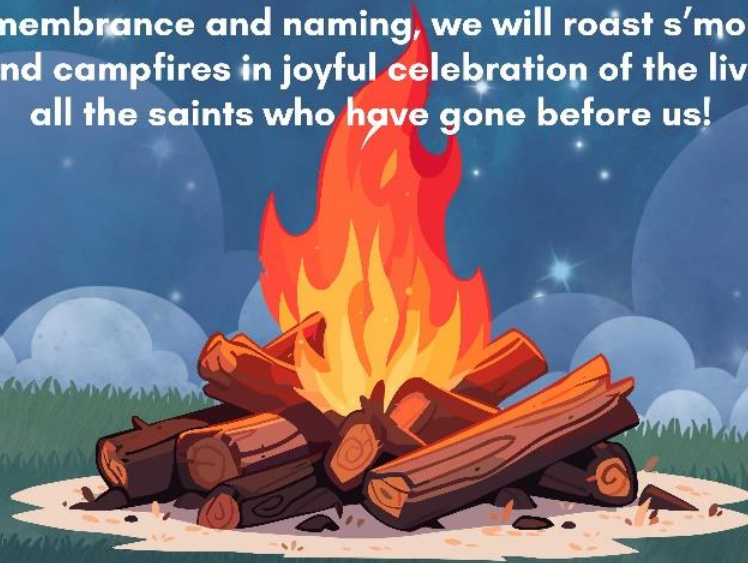




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# CELEBRATION *of Life*

Following All Saints Sunday Worship at 9:30am, we will gather outside in the Friendship Garden to consecrate the new bricks being added to the Garden and remember all those honored on previously laid bricks. Following the brief time of remembrance and naming, we will roast s'mores around campfires in joyful celebration of the lives of all the saints who have gone before us!



All Saints Sunday  
November 3

## ***This Week at LUMC***

### **Sunday, October 27**

- 9:30 am      Worship & Sunday School  
10:45 am     Coffee Hour  
11:00 am     *Lies We Believe About God* Book Study  
3:00 pm      Trunk or Treat  
5:00 pm      Youth Group  
7:00 pm      *Lies We Believe About God* Book Study

### **Wednesday, October 30**

- 2:00 pm      *Book of Matthew* Bible Study  
6:15 pm      SPRC Meeting  
7:00 pm      *Book of Matthew* Bible Study  
7:00 pm      Pumpkin Patch Fair Set Up

### **Thursday, October 31**

- 9:00 pm      Pumpkin Patch Fair Kitchen Duty

### **Friday, November 1**

- 4:00 pm      Pumpkin Patch Fair

### **Saturday, November 2**

- 9:00 am      Pumpkin Patch Fair  
1:00 pm      Bishop Bickerton's Installation Service

## **Sunday, November 3**

- 9:30 am      Worship & Sunday School  
10:45 am      Celebration of Life  
10:45am      Youth Group  
11:00 am      *Lies We Believe About God* Book Study  
7:00 pm      *Lies We Believe About God* Book Study



**Pastor Michelle is available for pastoral care throughout the week. You can often find her in the church office during office hours (Tu-F, 9-2), but if you wish to speak with her, it is best to make an appointment in advance to ensure she is available. She would love to hear from you by email at [pastormichelleashley@gmail.com](mailto:pastormichelleashley@gmail.com). Please keep in mind that Pastor Michelle honors Monday as her Sabbath day.**

**HOW TO GET IN TOUCH**

WITH OUR PASTOR



## Psalm 34 NRSVUE

- <sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.
- <sup>3</sup> O magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Look to him, and be radiant,  
so your<sup>[a]</sup> faces shall never be ashamed.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD  
and was saved from every trouble.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps  
around those who fear him and delivers them.
- <sup>8</sup> O taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in him.
- <sup>9</sup> O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.
- <sup>10</sup> The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
- <sup>11</sup> Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- <sup>12</sup> Which of you desires life  
and covets many days to enjoy good?
- <sup>13</sup> Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

<sup>14</sup> Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.



## **Mark 10:46-52 NRSVUE**

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher,<sup>[a]</sup> let me see again.” <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.