
THIS MONTH AT LUMC | January 2023



Dear Church Family,

Happy New Year! I pray you are keeping well in body, mind, and spirit as we venture forth into 2023.

This month at LUMC we will celebrate Epiphany, and have many opportunities to grow in faith through participation in United Women in Faith, singing in the choir, studying the Bible, giving, attending youth group, attending Sunday school, serving on committees, volunteering at the Food Pantry and Clothing Closet, and praying for the many people and situations in our church, community, and world who are in need of prayer. If you would like to try something new, please consider this your invitation to do so! The New Year is a great time to mix things up and experiment with new forms of spiritual nourishment.

If I can be of pastoral support to you through prayer, presence, or otherwise, please feel free to reach out to me by email, phone, or via the church office, and ask for what you need. I am here.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Michelle



The Pumpkin Patch Fair money taken in was: Vintage table \$352, Harvest \$255, Crafts \$538, Auction \$698, Cookbooks \$25, Kitchen \$1385, Table rental \$810. Everyone helped to make this a successful weekend!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT LUMC THIS MONTH

Saturday, January 7

- 9:00 am United Women in Faith meeting
- 2:30 pm Taking down Christmas Decorations

Sunday, January 8

- 9:30 am Worship Service (in person & live streamed)
- 10:45 am Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison
- 10:45am Coffee hour
- 11:00 am Leadership Development & Nominations Meeting
- 6:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison via zoom

Wednesday, January 11

- 2:00 pm Bible Study w/ John Mims
- 7:00 pm Bible Study @ John Mims' home

Thursday, January 12

- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting via zoom

Friday, January 13

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 14

- 9:00 am Food Pantry Volunteer Listening Session

All past, present and future volunteers are welcome to come and share ideas, concerns, solutions, hopes, etc

Sunday, January 15

- 9:30 am Worship Service (in person & live streamed)
- 10:45 am Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison
- 10:45am Coffee hour
- 7:00 pm Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison via zoom

Wednesday, January 18

- 2:00 pm Bible Study w/ John Mims
- 6:30 pm Listening Group
- 7:00 pm Bible Study @ John Mims' home

Thursday, January 19

- 7:00 pm Church Council (in person)

Friday, January 20

- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 22

- 9:30 am Worship Service (in person & live streamed)
- 10:45 am Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison
- 10:45am Coffee hour
- 1:00 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison via zoom

Wednesday, January 25

- 2:00 pm Bible Study w/ John Mims
- 7:00 pm Bible Study @ John Mims' home

Thursday, January 26

- 7:00 pm LGBTQ+ Full Inclusion Committee (in person)

Anyone interested in this work is welcome to join the committee

Saturday, January 28

- 8:00 am Food Pantry/Clothing Closet

Sunday, January 29

- 9:30 am Worship Service (in person & live streamed)
 - 10:45 am Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison
 - 10:45am Coffee hour
 - 6:00 pm Youth Group
 - 7:00 pm Bible Study w/ Bob Harrison via zoom
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We will be singing the following dates, January 15 & 22 and February 19 & 26.

Rehearsals will be the Friday night before the Sunday we sing, at 6:30 pm.

January 13 & 20 and February 17 & 24).

Anyone interested in joining should contact Marcia Bisson at mjwbisson@aol.com.



Thank you to all who helped serve a meal this week to the residents at North Star Family Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



"We would like to thank everyone for their cards, thoughts, and prayers for Charlie's surgery and recovery. He is doing well. We are grateful for your kindness. God bless you."

The Keller Family



United
Women
in Faith

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having our white elephant exchange at this meeting. We hope to see you there!

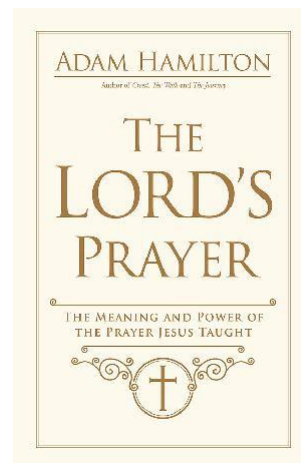
Adult Bible Study Class Led by Bob Harrison

Two formats:

Sunday morning (in person) after the Worship service (10:50- 11:30am)

Starting Sunday, January 8, 2023 the next book for reflection and study in Bible Study will be: "The Lord's Prayer The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught" by Adam Hamilton

Questions: Contact Bob Harrison at 978 537 6298 or through email: r.robert.harrison@gmail.com



Sunday evening (virtual via Zoom) from 7-8 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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On January 11, 2023, we will start a study of the Gospel of Mark.

The Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm at the Church and at 7:00 pm at the home of John and Linda Mims. ([152 Berrington Rd., Leominster](https://www.google.com/maps/place/152+Berrington+Rd.,+Leominster,+MA+01453): 978-855-5888 or mimsjohn5@gmail.com).

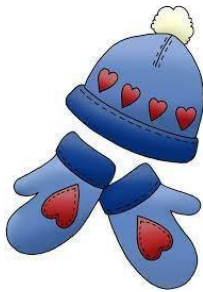
The study will be the same in each session, so you can attend one and another week join the other group.

If you have questions, please contact John Mims



Our next food pantry distribution is Saturday, January 28, 2023 from 8:00 until 10:00 am.

All are welcome to receive food.



Clothing Closet News

Needed: New and like new Winter hats, scarfs, gloves and sweaters (hats and sweaters **must be** new) for Men,Women and Children. Please place them in the box in the Narthex.

The Clothing Closet will be open to distribute these items during Food Pantry hours so that they will be available to Food Pantry clients. The clients may leave a donation for them. These donations help support LUMC's mission to North Star Family Services.

The Clothing Closet is being revamped. If you have other bags of clothing to donate during this time please place them in the Clothing Box in the parking lot by the field. LUMC receives donations for these clothes for its ministries.



Bishop's Day on the District

Bishop Peggy A Johnson will be joining us on the District on **February 25 from 1 to 3 pm** at East Longmeadow UMC ([215 Somers Rd, East Longmeadow, MA](#)).

Commission on Religion and Race Training

The New England Annual Conference Commission on Religion and Race will be holding a training for our district on **February 11 from 9 am to 3 pm**. The location is to be determined. Lay leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

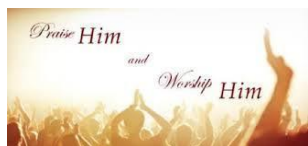
Pastor Michelle and all certified lay ministers are required to attend. Please reach out to Pastor Michelle at pastormichelleashley@gmail.com to let her know if you would like to join.



Join us Sunday mornings for worship service at 9:30 am.

(As a personal privacy reminder, if you choose to worship in person, the back two pews in the sanctuary are reserved for those who wish not to appear on camera. Additionally, to protect privacy, the camera is turned upward to the large cross (and thus no people are visible) during the weekly children's message and monthly communion. If you have any questions or concerns about privacy, please contact Pastor Michelle and she will be happy to work with you to accommodate your needs.)

Online worship is still available at 9:30 am; see below for details.



Join us Sunday morning for worship via livestream

You can watch the livestream at our website: www.leominsterumc.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/leominsterunitedmethodistchurch

Time: 9:30 am

Ways to Give:



- 1) Set up an automatic deposit through your bank or your bank's billpayer app.
- 2) Give online with your debit or credit card at www.leominsterumc.org/give.
- 3) Text "GIVE" to 978-496-3126.
- 4) Mail a check to the church.
- 5) Drop off your offering in the secure black mailbox outside the church door.



*Birthdays
of the
Month*

January 2	Nancy King	February 4	Wilma Kibler
January 4	Belinda Scott	February 6	Ron St. Laurent
January 8	Bob Wylie	February 8	Cat Gabriel
January 11	Kristine Paul	February 10	Kristen Kieda
January 11	Eric Abakah, Jr	February 11	Bruce Matson
January 12	Diane Hamilton-Rousseau	February 12	David Bradford
January 13	Virginia Maunder	February 13	Charlotte Weldon
January 14	Beth Newcombe	February 15	Nancy Dougherty
January 18	Dawn Weldon	February 17	Kristopher Kauffman
January 21	Malie Marino	February 19	Michael Marcello
January 23	Fred Longenecker	February 23	Cary Leroy
January 26	Noah Ripley	February 26	Lynn Ayars
		February 27	Alexandra Bradford



January 7	Jose & Connie DelRio
January 28	Daniel & Mernan Nomishan



Please pray for the following people this week:

* Indicates newly added requests

Church Members...

Eddie Strobel
Cynthia Smith, open heart surgery
James and Edith Stephen, auto accident
Continued prayers for Tammy Weaver
Praise for Carol, Steve Perry's wife, her treatment is working, continued prayers for healing
Nancy Henderson, heart issues
Doug Lurie
Charlie Keller
All who are shut in
*Chuck Funk
*Jim Belmont

Family, Friends and Neighbors of Church Members...

Debbi Haven, healing from back surgery
Rich Kelly
Continued prayers for Mary Palmer
Gale McCoy, breast cancer treatment
Anna, mother of Dawn Prince, skin cancer
Carl, father of Dawn Prince, heart issues
Elizabeth, mother of Alfred Prince, depression
Rebecca Parent, continued prayers for healing
Phineas Funk
Joe, Edith's brother-in-law having surgery for colon cancer
Patty & Frank Flynn; Frank had a heart attack
Mary Newcombe
Edith Damus' father who is sick in Haiti
Anita, dermatitis of hands (Mel's sister)
Sally Ann, multiple chronic osteoarthritis & bladder infection
Annmarie, Crohns Disease
Jason Sr, son James, kidney disease, may need transplant
Denise, newly diagnosed breast cancer
Steve Voquer, cancer
Teagan Bradley, chianti malformation (granddaughter of Cheryl Madden)

Those who are grieving...

Family of Doug Leger
Family & friends of Doris Mitchell
*Family of Harry Abraham (Bruce)

Our World...

The people of Ukraine and Russia
All of our local, state, national & global civic leaders
All those affected by winter storms

Our Leaders...

DS Megan Stowe
Bishop Devadhar
Pastor Michelle
Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

