

# Leominster

United Methodist Church  
7th Sunday after Pentecost

**July 7, 2024 | 9:30am**



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

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Rev. Michelle Ashley, Pastor

Gathering

Prelude “Pouring It Out For You” Praise Team  
J. Anderson/J. Lee

Greeting Felicia Weaver

\*Call to Worship Belinda Scott

Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord, calls us to believe the good news of salvation.

**His grace is sufficient for us.** Let us enter into God’s new realm rejoicing, not in our own strength, but in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Let us worship God.**

\*Processional “Take My Life, and Let it Be” UMH #399  
Hymn

Opening Prayer Belinda Scott

\*The Peace

Children’s Message Rev. Megan Stowe

Prayer for Illumination Belinda Scott

**Lord, our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the scriptures are and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**



\*Recessional Hymn      “I Come with Joy”      UMH #617

\*Benediction      Rev. Megan Stowe

Postlude      “How Great Is Our God”      Marcia Bisson

*The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion.*



*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for Refreshments and Fellowship!*



**Pastor Michelle is on Spiritual Renewal Leave until September 2.**

**If you are in need of emergency pastoral support this week, please contact one of the three contacts below, and they will put you in touch with the pastor on call.**

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## Mark 6:1-13 NSRVUE

**6** He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary<sup>[a]</sup> and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense<sup>[b]</sup> at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## Rev. Megan Stowe

Rev. Megan Stowe has served in a variety of different church settings: a three-point charge of Ellenburg/Ellenburg Centand Dannemora UMCs from 2004 to 2006; associate pastor at Shenendehowa UMC in Clifton Park, NY, from 2006 to 2011; solo pastor of Scotia UMC from 2011 to 2014 and under her tenure they completed a successful capital campaign; and most recently St. Paul's UMC in Saint Albans, VT (the largest church in Vermont) from 2014-2019. She became the Central MA (currently Commonwealth West) District Superintendent in 2019. She has been married to Stephen for 20 years and is mother to Galen (17) and Desi (15).



### *Please Pray For...*

#### *Church Members*

Tammy Weaver, cancer remission

Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's disease

James Stephen

Malie Marino, chronic health issues

Nancy Dougherty, dementia  
Bob Wylie, frequent falls with injuries  
Bruce Shaheen for relief from back & hip pain

***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)  
Dan for his lungs to heal (Bruce)  
Tristan who is having a tough time (Dawnne)  
Brian & Colleen McFadden for mental health issues (Edith)  
Grammy Ruth Stowe, strokes (Galen)  
Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression  
Anna, Dawnne's mother healing from a fall, has broken rib,  
hurt arm and bruised face  
Charlie, low blood pressure (Cary)  
Yvonne battling pancreatic cancer  
Phinneas Funk for healing  
Carl, Dawnne's father on hospice  
\*Aunt Marie Shaheen (Bruce)

***Those who are grieving***

Sue Strobel and family; loss of husband Eddie  
Janice & Clay Swenor; loss of daughter Jessica  
Tiana Perez for the loss of her dad  
Family of Doug Lurie

## ***Our World***

All Nations & people affected by war

All affected by natural disasters

All affected by violence in its many forms

## ***Our Leaders***

Bishop Johnson, 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**