
THIS MONTH AT LUMC | April 2024



Dear Church Family,

In the liturgical calendar, the weeks following Easter are known as the Easter Season, a time when we continue celebrating Christ's resurrection and our new life through Him! I hope you will join us throughout the month of April for weekly worship services as well as Bible study, music groups, small groups, mission opportunities, and age-level ministries.

Our Membership Classes are off to a great start with 16 participants! This month we will be learning about church history and our unique approach as United Methodists to reading the Bible. If you are considering church membership or have joined but not yet attended membership classes, we would love to have you in class. Please simply reach out to me anytime in advance to register.

As always, I am here as your pastor for any pastoral care needs that may arise throughout the month. If you are in need of prayer, a listening ear, pastoral presence, or something else that you think I may be able to help with, you can reach out to me via email at pastormichelleashley@gmail.com, or by calling the church office at (978) 537-1356.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Michelle



CROSSROADS EMMAUS
OF NEW ENGLAND

A COMMUNITY GATHERING

APRIL 6, 2024

10:30am to 2:30pm

ST. JOHN'S UMC,

28 CATARACT AVE, DOVER NH

SPECIAL GUEST WILL BE

BISHOP PEGGY JOHNSON

BISHOP FOR THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please RSVP to Tom Leach
tml7587@gmail.com

Ignite Youth Group

Spring/Summer Plans

Date/Time	Meal	Activities
Mar 28th at 5PM April 5th at 3PM	Soup Snacks	Journey to the Cross Cooking for NorthStar
April 7th 10:30AM-12:30PM	West End Diner	Upside Down Vision Game Discussion/Invisible Ink
April 21st 10:30AM-12:30PM	Sandwiches	Whoosh Ball Game Discussion/Painting activity
May 5th 10:30AM-12:30PM	Nachos	Mexican Kickball Discussion/Google Translate Activity
May 19th 10:30AM-12:30PM	Church Brunch	Fire Game Discussion and candle making
June 2nd 10:30AM-12:30PM	Charcuterie	Heads Up/Seven Up Discussion with Treasurer
June 30th 10:30AM-12:30PM	Hot Dogs	Water Games Discussion on Stress

LUMC APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tue.Sday	Wedne.Sday	Thur.Sday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 2pm & 7pm Galatians Bible Study	4 6pm Membership Class	5 3:30pm Youth Group Cooking for Northstar 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6 9am United Women in Faith 9am Emmaus District Gathering
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For More Information:
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**CONGREGATION
AGUDAT ACHIM**
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Invites you to join us this year at our

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

at Congregation Agudat Achim

Tuesday, April 23rd
5:30 PM
268 Washington Street
Leominster, MA 01453

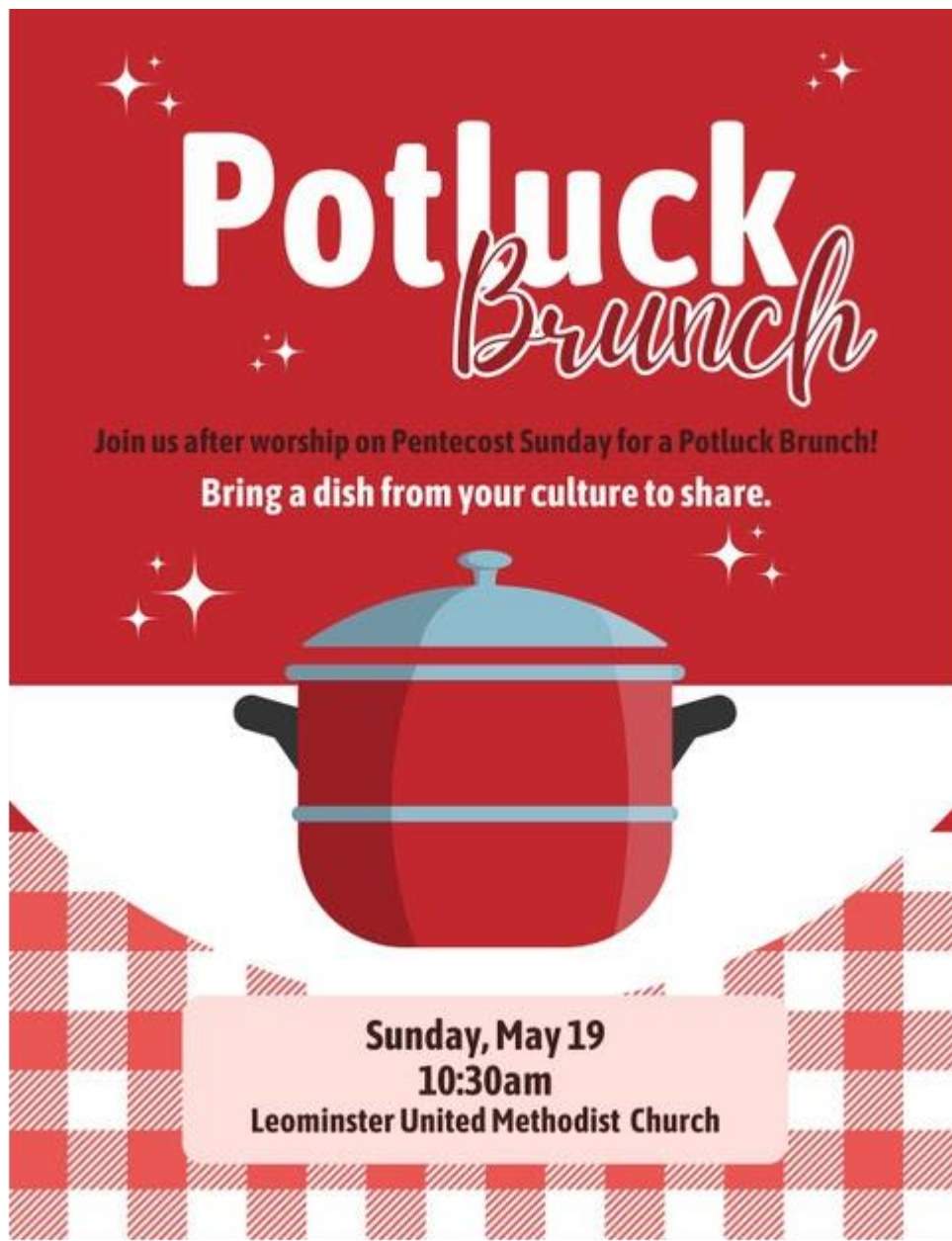
Join us for a delicious Seder led by Rabbi Eve Eichenholtz and Cantor Rebecca Carl, featuring a unique fully translated and transliterated haggadah. Something for everyone of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Bring the whole family!

Register by April 4th for discounted early bird pricing!

PJ Library & PJ OUR WAY

Rabbi Eichenholtz and the Congregation Agudat Achim Synagogue have kindly invited our church to join them for their annual Passover Seder on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30pm. The cost is \$54 for adults, \$36 for children age 6-12, and children under age 5 and under are free. Limited scholarships are available and can be requested by written request to me. You can register at: <https://congregationagudatachim.shulcloud.com/form/caa-community-seder-5784-newest.html>. Please consider joining me for this rich cultural and interfaith learning experience!

- Pastor Michelle



Bob Harrison is leading a study on the book "The Shack" on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am and Sunday evenings @ 7:00 pm via zoom.

Visitors, listeners and newcomers are always welcome.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82301584642?pwd=THQ4Rmc2WExJemFoRGhvWWNHYUJrQT09>

Meeting ID: 823 0158 4642

Passcode: 103951

Some Church Council News from Nancy King

On Thursday, March 21st, the Church Council met to discuss some of the ways that our local church can move forward with the commitment to the statement of inclusion that was accepted at a February Church Conference meeting.

This is the statement:

No matter your age, race, nationality, political affiliation, documentation status, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and spiritual/religious background, you are welcome here.

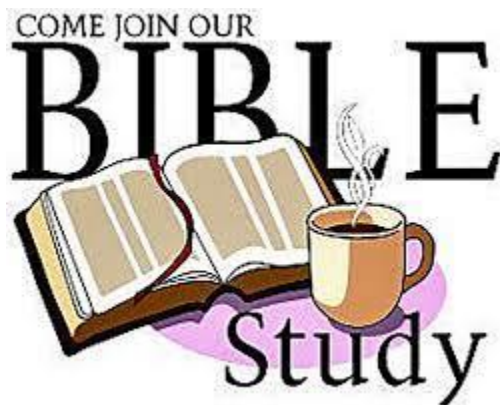
In alignment with the New England Annual Conference's actions in 2016 and 2019 and the 2022 New England Declaration, we affirm people of all genders and sexualities in their callings to singleness or marriage, lay or ordained ministry of any kind, and the baptism of their children.

The Church Council agreed on these steps forward:

*The statement of inclusion will be included in the Church Bulletin and on our Leominster UMC website.

*The church will provide space for LGBTQ+ community events and events for family, friends and allies of LGBTQ+ people

*A horizontal sign of rainbow colors that says "All are Welcome" will be added to our large sign at the front of the church to demonstrate to those who recognize the symbolism that they will be welcome at LUMC.



Adult Bible Study Class w/ John Mims meet on Wednesdays. Study times are 2:00 pm at the church and 7:00 pm at the Mims home. We will be starting a new study on the Book of Galatians.



LEOMINSTER
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

AN EIGHT-SESSION SERIES FOR ADULTS WHO ARE
CONSIDERING JOINING THE CHURCH, OR WHO
ALREADY HAVE JOINED BUT WANT TO LEARN
MORE. THURSDAY EVENINGS 6-8PM.
CHILDCARE PROVIDED.

MARCH 7 - GRACE AND SALVATION
APRIL 4 - HISTORY...OUR STORY
APRIL 18 - MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE
APRIL 25 - SUSTAINING SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
MAY 2 - YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS
MAY 23 - LIVING LIKE A DISCIPLE
MAY 30 - SACRAMENTS
JUNE 6 - BEING CHURCH TOGETHER

CONTACT PASTOR MICHELLE AT
PASTORMICHELLEASHLEY@GMAIL.COM
TO REGISTER



United
Women
in Faith

Our next United Women in Faith meeting is Saturday, April 6th @ 9:00 am. We hope to see you there!



Our next food pantry distribution is Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 8:00 until 10:00 am.

All are welcome to receive food.



Thank you to all the volunteers who came out in the snow/rain and ice to help serve our Ruth's Harvest Food Pantry guests on March 23rd. With our church lift temporarily not working, extra help was needed to transport food from the cellar to our guests' cars. So many adults and youth chipped in to help! In spite of the weather we served 32 families whose need for food is not determined by weather conditions.

I appreciate you all! Nancy



Pilgrim Congregational Church is having a Fun Friday event on April 19th @ 7:00 pm. They will be making May baskets. All are invited to attend. The cost is \$5.00 for supplies payable the night of the event. There is a sign up sheet in the new narthex.



SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, April 20th

Beginning at 8:00 am until we are done. Spring is here and it's time to clean up the church grounds! Bring your rakes, wear your garden or work gloves and help get the property neatened up.

The more people we come, the faster we get done!

Higher Education Grant(s) Available from Leominster United Methodist Church

Calling all high school seniors! Our higher education committee wants to award a grant(s) to those seniors who have been involved in Leominster United Methodist Church's church school, youth fellowship, committees and/or other programs. Applications must be postmarked by **April 13, 2024**. Please call the church office at 978-537-1356 for the grant guidelines and application or with any questions.



Rebekah's Clothing Closet at LUMC

Do you have new men's, women's or children's shoes to donate? You know the ones. They seemed perfect when you bought them but for you they are too uncomfortable for you to wear.

Needed: Spring and Summer tops and shirts for Men and Women. Most needed are Sizes Large and X-Large.

Donations may be dropped off during office hours or after the Worship Service on Sundays.

The Clothing Closet is open during Food Pantry hours for the Food Pantry clients. The clients may leave a donation for the clothes. These donations help support LUMC's mission to NorthStar Family Services.



Sunday, March 31st through Saturday, April 6th, is LUMC's week to help North Star Family Services.

I am pleased to announce that all of the days are filled for providing a meal. A very big thank you to all who have volunteered for our rotation week!

Thank you, all! You are truly appreciated!

Blessings,
Julie



Please sign up for a meal train for the Prince Family. Dawn is having surgery.

Friendship Garden Brick Fundraiser

Now is the time to submit your order for the bricks in our Friendship Garden. Honor a loved one, celebrate a milestone, or commemorate something special in your life! Buy a brick - and help us expand our garden! We are aiming to place bricks in late spring or early summer. Standard 4x8 bricks are \$50 and the bigger 8x8 bricks are \$100. Forms will be available outside the narthex. For more information contact the church office at 978-537-1356 or through email: lumcoffice1@gmail.com.

JOIN US

IN SUPPORT OF
Leominster United Methodist Church



Honor or celebrate a loved one or something special; buy a brick - expand our garden!

FRIENDSHIP GARDEN
BRICK FUNDRAISER

\$50/standard brick
\$100/larger brick



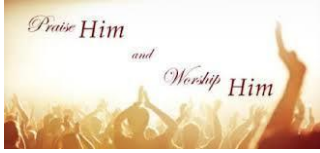
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or e-mail: lumcoffice1@gmail.com



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.



We are still live-streaming our Sunday services. Watch live Sundays at 9:30am, or later anytime that works for you.

If you are having trouble with one website, try another:

<https://www.youtube.com/@leominsterunitedmethodistc704>

<https://www.leominsterumc.org/livestream>

<https://www.facebook.com/LeominsterUnitedMethodistChurch>

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.



April 1 Daniel & Jamie Filteau

May 16 Charlie & Becky Keller

April 12 Chuck & Tammy Weaver

May 23 Robert & Joyce Barclay



*Birthdays
of the
Month*

April 2 Kevin Bazucki

April 2 Henry Dantini

April 3 Mason Dobbs

April 5 Greta Peterson

April 7 Sannelia Abakah

April 16 Shirley Furey

April 18 Alec Prince

April 20 Edith Stephen

April 23 Karena Peterson

April 25 Charlie Keller

May 1 Bruce Shaheen

May 5 Kendra Kerzee

May 6 Steven Weaver

May 11 Sandra Joseph MacKnight

May 17 Robbie Harrison III

May 30 Carleen Weaver

Please pray for the following people this week:

*** Indicates newly added requests**

Church Members...

Eddie Strobel
Tammy Weaver
Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's Disease
Ron St. Laurent
James
Malie Marino, ongoing recovery from back injury
Doug Lurie
Cynthia Smith, painful stomach infection & serious wounds on her feet
Nancy Dougherty, dementia
Sam Warner, recovery from hip surgery
Jana Harrison, travelling mercies

Family, Friends and Neighbors of Church Members...

Carl, father of Dawn Prince
Rebecca Parent, Maryann Kane's daughter Leslie, ALS (Edith's neice)
The Campbell Family (Phyllis)
Ellen (Mel)
Kevin Bazucki
Christina for health issues (Nancy Gates)
Trish, receiving chemo (Mel)
Dr. Brusic, chemo (Edith)
Melissa, cancer (Diana)
Ken Lavoie (Sam)
Marianne's son-in-law diagnosed with malignant brain tumor (AnnMarie)
Tina (Mel)
Wendy Garcia, on dialysis (Wendy)
Bob O'Neill, Bladder Cancer (Edith)
KC Sweeney for healing from a car accident, son of Karen and Japheth
Barbara, neck surgery (Edith)
All who are in need of prayer for pain
Dan for his lungs to heal (Bruce)
Thomas Burretta battling stage 4 bone & lymphoma cancer (Elizabeth)
Normand and his wife, both on hospice (Wendy)
Will on dialysis, cancer, now heart attack (Wendy)
Linda & son Tom who has head injury due to motorcycle accident (Wendy)
Marcia Carmichael to continue managing blood sugar, praise she is out of hospital (Wendy)
Liz, hospitalized

*John Shaheen healing from shoulder surgery
*Ann, broken hip

Those who are grieving...

The Family of Karen Ryan
The Family of Louise Murphy
The Family of Ray Lynch
The Family of Bev Maranda
The Family of Lori Snowden, Belinda's sister
The Family of Betty Reid
The Family of Ashley Tyus
Chuck & Tammy Weaver, loss of Chuck's mother

Our World...

All Nations and people affected by war
All affected by natural disasters
All affected by violence in its many forms

Our Leaders...

DS Megan Stowe
Pastor Michelle
Bishop Peggy A. Johnson
All of our civic leaders & elected officials

Note: If you would like to add to this list, you can do so by completing a pink prayer card during worship & placing it in the offering plate.

