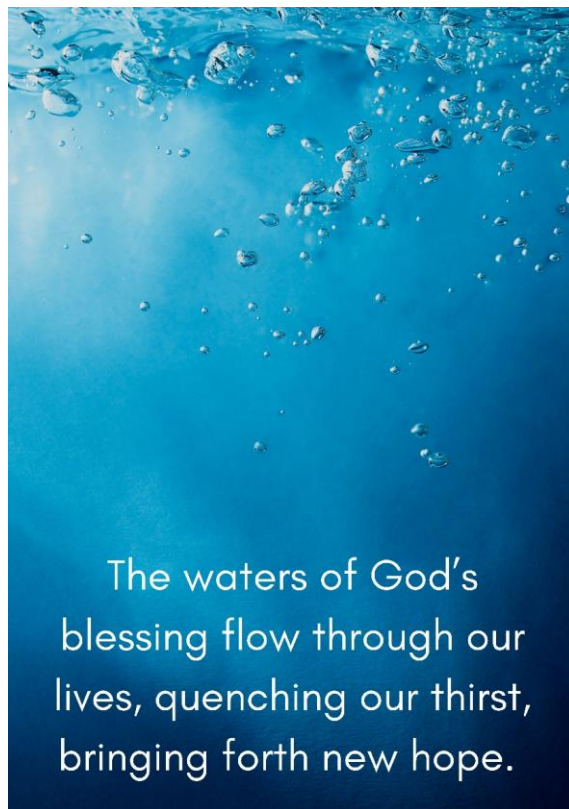


Leominster

United Methodist Church

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 12, 2025 | 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

Opening Prayer

Cat Gabriel

**God of strength, God of love,
surround us with your love.
Gather us in as your beloved children.
Open our ears to hear your voice.
Open our hearts to the power of your
transforming love.
May your waters of grace pour over us,
renewing us for your work in the world.
Bless us in this holy time. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

First Scripture
Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Cat Gabriel

Children's Message

Pastor Michelle

Baptismal Remembrance

The Children

*Gospel
Lesson

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Cat Gabriel

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Sermon

Pastor Michelle

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generous Living and
Giving

Cat Gabriel

Offertory

“Let My Love For
Jesus Be My Song”
H. Frombach/D. Lantz
III

Senior Choir

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Cat Gabriel

Prayers of the People

Pastor Michelle

The Lord's Prayer

UMH # 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

The Life of LUMC

Pastor Michelle

*Recessional
Hymn

“Wash, O God, Our Sons
and Daughters”

UMH #605

*Benediction

Pastor Michelle

Postlude

“Leaning on the
Everlasting Arms”
E. Hoffman &
A. Showalter

Kendra Kerzee



*The Call to Worship and the Opening Prayer were written by
Mary Petrina Boyd.*

Please Pray For...

Church Members

Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's disease

James Stephen

Malie Marino, chronic health issues

Nancy Dougherty, dementia

Continued prayers for Joyce Barclay for medical issues

Nancy Erb on hospice

Mark Kauffman with difficult decisions

Steve Dinsmore (& family) praise for good days and strength & hope for continued healing

Sam Warner prayers for health issues

*Scott Newcombe, praise for a new job

Family and Friends of Church Members

Rebecca Parent (daughter of Maryann Kane)

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

Melissa, cancer (Diana)

Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression

Yvonne battling pancreatic cancer

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

Linda Gilpatrick for reoccurrence of cancer (Sam)

Ellie Kaufmann for healing. (Lynn Ayars)

Tristan to find his way to improvement (Dawn Prince)

Healing for Carol, Belinda's daughter in law

Healing for Carol with liver cancer (Mel)

Carol P. to find suitable senior housing (Mel)
Praise for Bob O'Neill, Cancer free (Edith)
Donna for upcoming heart surgery (Don Hutchins)
Damon for recovery from addiction & mental health issues
Dan that his knee heals (Bruce Shaheen)
Commica who was hospitalized with a mild stroke
Lesley for good health
Cary II
Karen with breast cancer
Alan Twomley, kidney cancer
Mel's brother John diagnosed with cancer
*Praise for Michelle being cancer free after surgery (Karen)
*Lydia & Floyd Meadows III, heart problems (Edith)
*David, emergency surgery (Beth & Scott)

Those who are grieving

Dan's family for loss of mother in law (Bruce)
*Mark Kauffman for the loss of his wife, Sara
*Vikki Turnquist and family for loss of her grandmother
*Chadbourn Family, loss of mother (Bruce Shaheen)

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



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. Please keep in mind that Pastor Michelle honors Monday as her Sabbath day.

HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH OUR PASTOR 



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This Week at LUMC

Sunday, January 12

- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am Coffee Hour
- 5:30 pm Youth Group
- 11:00 am *Mere Christianity* Bible Study
- 7:00 pm *Mere Christianity* Bible Study

Monday, January 13

- 7:00 pm Appleseed Agape Group

Wednesday, January 15

- 2:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Matthew
- 6:00 pm Hospitality & Christian Caregiving
- 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Matthew

Thursday, January 16

- 7:00 pm Church Council

Friday, January 17

- 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice
- 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

Sunday, January 19

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

10:45 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am *Mere Christianity* Bible Study

11:00 am Sunday School Team Meeting

6:00 pm Young Adults Group

7:00 pm *Mere Christianity* Bible Study



Isaiah 43:1-7 NRSVUE

43 But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight

and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”



Luke 3:15-17 NSRVUE

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ^[a] ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with ^[b] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;^[a] with you I am well pleased.”^[b]

