
THIS MONTH AT LUMC | November 2023



Dear Church Family,

As the temperatures grow cooler and the holidays approach, November is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving in the church.

This weekend is our annual Pumpkin Patch Food and Craft Fair. Highlights include holiday shopping from local vendors, an extensive auction, Friday night's fried chicken dinner, and a visit from Santa on Saturday from 12-2. Please come out and support this important fundraiser and fun community event! More details can be found later in this newsletter.

Sunday, November 5 is All Saints Sunday. We will remember and give thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith. This service will include Holy Communion.

Sunday, November 12 is Consecration Sunday. We will consecrate our 2024 Pledge Cards (please kindly return yours to the office on or before this date), and receive a special message on stewardship from guest preacher Rev. Ted Crass who serves as President of the United Methodist Foundation of New England.

Sunday, November 19 is Thanksgiving Sunday. Come give thanks with us and prepare your soul for the Thanksgiving holiday!

Throughout the month, we are collecting food for our church Food Pantry. If you are able, please bring donations to help serve those facing food insecurity in our community (more details and a wish list can be found later in this newsletter).

Our Food Pantry will be open twice this month. On Saturday, November 18, we will distribute Thanksgiving Baskets in partnership with students from Leominster High School. (The last day to call and reserve a basket is November 11.) And then on Saturday, November 25, we will have our regular pantry staples distribution. As usual, all are welcome to come and receive food on the 25th, but reservations are required if you want to receive a basket on the 18th.

Finally, I know it's a little early to start thinking about Christmas, but we have a wonderful at LUMC of decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias in memory and in honor of our loved ones for our Christmas services. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to remember or honor someone you love this Christmas, orders are due November 15 & you can utilize the order form found later in this newsletter. Thank you in advance for helping make our Christmas celebrations just that little bit more special!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Michelle

FALL BACK
change your clocks



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on November 5, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS AT LUMC THIS MONTH

Wednesday, November 1

2:00 pm Esther Bible Study

7:00 pm Esther Bible Study

Thursday, November 2

6:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Friday, November 3

4:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Fair

6:00 pm Praise Team Practice

7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

Saturday, November 4

9:00 am Pumpkin Patch Fair

Sunday, November 5

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
10:45 am Methodism 101
10:45 am Sunday School team meeting
5:30 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Study of Mark via Zoom

Wednesday, November 8

2:00 pm Esther Bible Study
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study

Thursday, November 9

7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, November 10

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

Sunday, November 12 Pledge cards due

9:30 am Worship Service and Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour
10:45 am Methodism 101
7:00 pm Study of Mark via Zoom

Monday, November 13

2:00 - 5:00 pm Flu Clinic

Wednesday, November 15

2:00 pm Esther Bible Study
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study

Thursday, November 16

7:00 pm Church Council

Friday, November 17

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

Saturday, November 18

8:00 am Thanksgiving Basket distribution

Sunday, November 19

9:30 am Worship Service (in person & live streamed)
10:30 am Coffee hour
10:45 am Methodism 101
5:30 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm Study of Mark via Zoom

Wednesday, November 22

2:00 pm Esther Bible Study
7:00 pm Esther Bible Study

Thursday, November 23

Office closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24

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

Saturday, November 25

8:00 am Food Pantry/Clothing Closet

Sunday, November 26

9:30 am Worship Service (in person & live streamed)
10:30 am Coffee hour
10:45 am Methodism 101
7:00 pm Study of Mark via Zoom



Adult Bible Study Class w/ John Mims. We are currently studying the Book of Esther.

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](#): 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. Visitors, listeners and newcomers are always welcome.



Bob Harrison is leading a study on The Gospel of Mark on 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

Methodists: Who We Are and How We Got Here
Sundays 10:45 - 11:15 am in the New Narthex

Grab your coffee and come join us. No materials and no preparation are required.

For more information; contact Chuck Funk at (978) 549.9081. Visitors, listeners and newcomers are always welcome.



Ruth's Harvest Pantry is gearing up for its November Thanksgiving food distribution which is done in conjunction with Leominster High School students and their GIVE program. The GIVE program was developed by LHS teacher and our contact, Andrea Grimes, and it has been functioning at LHS since 2003. The acronym stands for **G**etting **I**nvolved in **V**olunteer **E**xperiences.

The Thanksgiving basket distribution is "worked" by high school students who bring in food products they have collected. Ruth's Harvest Pantry volunteers also help with this distribution, and the pantry is responsible for whatever items are not covered by the high school's canned goods collection. That can include produce such as onions and potatoes which we can obtain from the Worcester County Food Bank, AND the items in the article listed below.

It's that time of year when we are preparing for Thanksgiving and thinking about the people, animals experiences, etc. that we are blessed with. Ruth's Harvest Pantry is a way that this church is blessed to have the opportunity to bless others. If you can help the food party bless others, we are looking for donations of the following **shelf stable** items:

- Turkey Gravy
- Canned vegetables
 - Corn
 - Green Beans
 - Peas
 - Carrots
- Pie Fillings
- Graham cracker pie crusts
- Potatoes (instant potatoes or bags of potatoes)
- Cranberry sauce
- \$20 dollar **grocery store** gift cards (that can be provided to purchase turkeys)

Please bring these items to the church during office hours (Tuesday-Friday 9-2) or during worship on Sundays **on or before 11/12/23**. Please DO NOT leave food items outside of the church doors.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER for a Thanksgiving food basket. That can be done by calling the office before November 11.

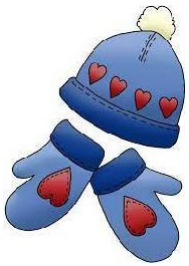
Thank you!
Nancy



Our next food pantry distribution is Saturday, November 25, 2023 from 8:00 until 10:00 am.

Thanksgiving baskets will be distributed on November 18, 2023

All are welcome to receive food.



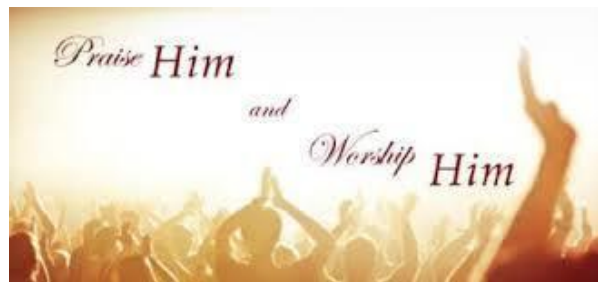
Rebekah's Clothing Closet at LUMC

Needed: New Winter hats, scarfs, gloves and socks for men. Socks with wide tops are most needed.

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. New and like new men's, women's and children's sweatshirts and sweaters welcome.

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.



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



POINSETTIAS

It's time to order our poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. You can order one in memory of someone or in honor of someone. You have the choice of red, white or pink for \$9.00 each. The deadline for ordering is November 15th and you can return the order form with your payment to the Office, mail to the Office or put in offering plate. PLEASE PRINT.

Name _____

In Memory Of

Given By

_____	_____
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In Honor Of

Given By

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

_____	Color	_____	Quantity
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Join us Sunday mornings for worship service at 9:30.

(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.



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.



November 3	Tessa Rafuse	December 4	Mark Dantini
November 5	Janice Swenor	December 8	Dennis Grammont
November 8	Mernan Nomishan	December 8	Victoria Swift
November 9	Diana Panageotes	December 10	Beth Grenier
November 9	Becky Keller	December 10	Nora Lapachinski
November 9	Charlotte Funk	December 11	Liam Lapachinski
November 10	Diana Ringer	December 12	Claire Lincoln
November 11	Jim Bisson	December 12	Marcia Bisson
November 12	Liz Nomishan	December 13	Doug Lurie
November 12	Barbara Peterson	December 15	Amy Dantini
November 15	Isaac Abakah	December 19	Anna Marino
November 19	Mel Hutchins	December 27	Anita Raboin
November 23	Nicole Weaver	December 28	Charles Funk
November 27	Stella Turnquist	December 30	Barbara Laetz
November 29	Kathy Guillemette	December 31	Deborah Lowe



December 10 Clay & Janice Swenor
December 16 John Ferguson & Dorothy Stewart
December 18 Stephen & Dawn Weldon

Please pray for the following people this week:

*** Indicates newly added requests**

Church Members...

Eddie Strobel

Tammy Weaver

Dennis Grammont, cancer

Damus family and Glorie

David Carmichael shoulder injury at work, needs surgery Cheryl Hamel, torn ACL and broken tibia

Malie Marino, ongoing illness and eye surgery

Family, Friends and Neighbors of Church Members... Carl, father of Dawn Prince
Rebecca Parent, Maryann Kane's daughter Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)
The Campbell Family (Phyllis)

Ellen (Mel)
Sandy R. from Framingham stage 4 SMZL
lymphoma Steve Voyer on hospice
Kevin Bazucki
Christina for health issues (Nancy Gates)
Trish, receiving chemo (Mel)
Violet Racine, praise for ability to lift head, she has Parkinson
Disease Tara with rheumatoid arthritis; pray for remission
Leah Penny
Dawnne Prince's uncle -
Parkinsons Ruby Ann, kidney
biopsy (Edith)
Dan Coakley, hospital with chest
pains Gail Clark, recovering
(Bruce)
Dr. Brusic, chemo (Edith)
Debbie, diagnosed with throat cancer (Diana)
Dan recovering from surgery (Bruce)
Vera, several issues
Judy, cancer surgery
Michael, motorcycle accident
Ken Lavoie (Sam)
Sally Ann, infections (Mel)
Constance, recovering from amputations (Mel)
Maxianne's son-in-law diagnosed with malignant brain
tumor (AnnMarie)
Tina (Mel)

Those who are grieving...

The Family of Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar
Arrington Family and Marshall Family
Family of Don Forester

Our World...

All nations in war
All affected by natural disasters

**All affected by shootings and gun violence
All affected by war in Israel and Palestine**

Our Leaders...

DS Megan Stowe

Pastor Michelle

Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

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.

