



## BELL RINGER

### Pastor's Page

February should be a very interesting month for me. On Feb.1 I will have my shoulder repair surgery. This is all because of a silly mishap at the house. It's interesting how a small slip in a hallway can do such damage to one's body. On December 17<sup>th</sup> I sustained a torn rotator cuff. The MRI showed one complete tear and two partial tears. Even though this has caused quite a bit of turmoil for me I want to spend some time praising the Lord. Even in our difficulties we still can praise Him.

I am glad I was not alone when this all happened.

I am fortunate to live so close to a hospital with an emergency room.

I was so glad that an x-ray was quickly taken for any signs of bone damage.

I am glad that pain medicine is available so readily.

I am glad that those who attended to me at the hospital were caring and knowledgeable.

I was so blessed to have an entire family and church family showing compassion.

I am blessed to live in a nation where health care is so excellent and available.

I am thankful for my church that provides health care insurance.

I am thankful for an orthopedic surgeon who would see me.

I am thankful for the amazing pictures that are produced by MRIs.

I am thankful that God gave me patience for the MRI procedure.

I am blessed to have a remarkable staff and volunteers here at church that can carry on the ministry while I'm out.

I am thankful for all of the new procedures that make my surgery easier than in the past.

I am thankful that the injury is repairable.

I am thankful for each night's rest that I once took for granted.

I am thankful that even my times of self-pity and grieving are short.

I am thankful for the hope of a full recovery. (FORE!!)

Sometimes in our lives we are given opportunities to really see what we are made of. These are the times that try our souls. Even though my injury is not extremely serious I do find it annoying. I know many of you reading this face harder times every day. My hope is that you will feel the exact same heavenly care that I have been experiencing. Let me close with one of my favorite passages for times like these.

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed or broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down but God never abandons us. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going. These bodies of ours are constantly facing death just as Jesus did; so it is clear to all that it is only the living Christ within who keeps us safe.... That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our inner strength in the Lord is growing every day. These troubles and sufferings of ours are, after all, quite small and won't last very long. ...So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever." 2 Corinthians 4:8-18 Living Bible Translation.

**WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY**

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8:00 a.m. Worship in the Chapel  
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship  
10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

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**FEBRUARY 5 — REV. ALAN DEGRAW FILLING IN FOR REV. LEWIS.**

**FEBRUARY 12 – BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

**Blanket Sunday**

Sermon: Study  
Scripture: Psalm 119:9-16

**FEBRUARY 19 —**

Sermon: Simplicity  
Scripture: Psalm 62

**FEBRUARY 22 — ASH WEDNESDAY**

**COMMUNION / DRAMA SERVICE AT 6:15 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 25 —**

Sermon: Solitude  
Scripture: Psalm 24

**February Altar Flowers:**

5—Margaret Rink  
12—Nona Milner; Nancy Milner; and Dr. Phil & Kim Milner  
19— Smith Family  
26—Mr. William A. Case

Please call the office to provide altar flowers for the Sunday of your choice. Cost per arrangement is \$15.

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Electronic Giving is available here at FUMC! You can enroll online at our website [howellfumc.com](http://howellfumc.com) or contact the church office for an authorization form. We can help you enroll!

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***Pastoral Update***

On February 1, 2012 Rev. George Lewis will undergo shoulder surgery in order to repair three damaged ligaments. He will be on sick leave until February 8, 2012.

In his absence Rev. Alan DeGraw has agreed to cover any emergency pastoral needs that may arise. His phone number is (517) 540-0715. Rev. DeGraw will also be conducting all February 5<sup>th</sup> worship services.

If you are interested in being of assistance to the parsonage family during this time please call SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) members Sylvia Northrup or Karen Olthoff. They have agreed to organize all voluntary help.

Please keep Rev. Lewis in your prayers during this time of recovery and healing.

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The 2012 Giving Envelopes and the 2011 Year End Statements are available for pickup in the Church-in-Action area. If you do not see giving envelopes in your name and would like some 2012, please sign your name on the Giving Envelope sheet.

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES**
**Diane Griffin**


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Are you sometimes tempted to think that first-century Christians had a much easier time following Jesus than we do these many centuries later? I have to admit to having thoughts like that on occasion. After all, some of those New Testament writers actually knew Jesus and heard him teach. Others studied with the Apostles, who had lived with Jesus. Doesn't it seem as though, if we could hear Jesus or one of the apostles teach in person, we'd have a much easier time obeying?

Let's look at the first chapter of 2 Peter for a partial answer. We know that Peter was one of the first disciples called, that he spent three years side-by-side with Jesus, that he was present at every major event in Jesus' adult life and witnessed the risen Jesus with his own eyes. Seems like he shouldn't have had any trouble convincing his hearers to follow Christ. And yet, he said this:

"...make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things...you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

-2 Peter 1:5-11

Did you read that the same way I did? He urged his readers twice to "make every effort" to live a Christian life. To me that suggests not only that it is hard work, but that it's not something that comes naturally to human beings, even those who walked with Jesus. During these cold winter months we are being encouraged to walk a little closer to Christ by putting some spiritual disciplines into practice. They don't come naturally to us and they do require work on our part, but the rewards are everlasting. So in the spirit of 2 Peter: *Let us make every effort to add to our meditation, prayer; and to prayer, fasting; and to fasting, study; and to study, simplicity; and to simplicity, solitude; and to solitude, submission; and to submission, service; and to service, confession; and to confession, worship. For if we do these things, we will not stumble and will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Diane Griffin

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### Touch the Water/ Taste the Bread Special Event for all 2nd and 3rd graders

#### Dates:

- Sunday, February 19th- Sacrament Lesson
- Sunday, February 26th—Sacrament stations for parents and 2nd and 3rd graders.
- Sunday, March 4th—All ATTEND the 8:00 a.m. Worship service in the Chapel to Celebrate the sacrament of Communion. Afterwards we will meet in our classroom for a light breakfast.



## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday Weekly Schedule!

Wednesday Weekly Meal begins serving at 5:15 p.m. and will continue to serve until 6:00 p.m.  
February's meal schedules are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cooks</u>	<u>Menu</u>
2/1	Disciple Class	Chicken BBQ Sandwiches, Cole Slaw, Mac and Cheese, Applesauce, Salads and Brownies
2/8	Stephen Ministers	Ham, Cheese Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Cole Slaw and Apple Crisp
2/15	Praise Team	Assorted Soups, Rolls, Bread, Greek Salad Bar and Cake
2/22	Mary-Elizabeth Circle	Meat Loaf, Twice Baked Potatoes, Salad Bar, Mixed Vegetables and Punch Bowl Trifle
2/29	Youth Mission Team	Chili Cook-Off; Chili, Toppings, Mac & Cheese Cook-off, Cornbread and Homemade Desserts

### Blanket Sunday, February 12, 2012

Blankets, blankets everywhere

As far as we can see,

That's the hope of most of us

Who want to guarantee

That those in need will feel they're freed

From discomfort and despair,

The "utile square" may help them know

That others care and feel their needs

And want to plant the seeds of hope.

The New Year lies before us like a spotless tract of snow,

Be careful how your tread on it as every mark will show.

Let's make a tract of blankets that spreads from sea to sea;

With God's help and your commitment, our mission will succeed!

2010: \$794.00    2011: \$1,662.00    2012: \$2,000.00?



MEN'S COFFEE HOUR  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14,  
10 A.M.  
IN THE PARLOR  
ALL MEN ARE INVITED  
TO ATTEND.

### Bay Shore Camp

### Men's Retreat

**March 30-31 2012**

**"Crashing through the quitting  
Points"**

**Guest Speaker: Joel DeSelm**

**\$70.00 per person**

**Price Includes:**

**All meals, cabin housing, materials  
and programming**

**Deadline is March 11, 2012**

**Do not mail in your registration to the  
camp please give to Rev. Lewis so  
that it can be mailed in all together.**

## News of the Congregation

### REPORT ON THE RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES HELD AT OUR CHURCH IN 2011

**Pints of blood collected:**

February	61
April	69
June	50
August	55
October	57
December	<u>61</u>
Total	353

Since each pint of blood can be divided into three components, theoretically 1,059 people could have benefitted from this collection.

The volunteer staff included:

Judy DeGraw	Jean Carothers	Nona Milner	Helen Chiesa
Eleanor Horwood	Janice Nordman	Helene Dul	DuAnne Hickman
Priscilla Shelters	Yvonne Behe	Ellie Spooner	Carole Gardner
Kathy Slayton	Gerry DeMars	Mary Lou Hilton	Mary Maneikis
Allan Hearl	Grace Hearl	Bob Wines	Tom Maneikis

A special thanks to Mariea Hayden for helping to arrange tables and chairs and to the men who helped unload the truck in the morning.

Please note that the next drive will be February 6th in rooms 11-15.

Audrey Murray, Site Coordinator

### Community Garden

After a VERY successful first year, it's time to start thinking about the FUMC Community Giving Garden again. On **MARCH 7th at 6:45 p.m.** (in room 10) a general garden meeting will be held for all those interested in helping out with the garden this year. Whether you helped out last year or are even slightly interested in helping out his year, please come to the meeting and get more information about this great project!

### History Notes

On New Years Eve those gathering at this church for communion and observation of the passing year took a turn at ringing the church bell. Bells have been used for many centuries to summon the faithful as well as for countless other purposes and special events. Our bell, cast in 1890 for the Walnut Street Methodist Church, was relocated in 1967-1968 at the time of construction of this church. It has served us for 120 + year!

## United Methodist Women

### Circle Meetings

**Grace Circle** will meet Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. *Coralene Bloss*

**Dorcas/Mary-Martha Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 15, 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.  
*Sharon Fernquist & Dolores Marr*

**Ruth Circle** will meet Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 p.m. in the parlor. *Mary Lou Hilton*

**Mary-Elizabeth Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 22 to serve Wednesday Weekly Meal.  
*Shaileh Jehle*

**Faith Circle** will meet on Monday, February 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. *Patti Van Loo*

## Ongoing Bible Studies/Classes

**Adults Seeking Knowledge**—Sundays, 10:30 a.m. in Lawson Hall.

**Businessmen's Bible Study**—Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m. in Pastor's office. All men are welcome. Drop in as you are available.

**Women's Bible Study**—Tuesdays, 7-8 a.m. in the Parlor. New study—"Celebration of Discipline"

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study**—1 p.m. in the Library, led by Evelyn Thomas

**Wednesday Senior High Girls' Bible Study**—6 p.m. in the Sr. High Youth Room, led by Jenny Tomaszewski.

**Wednesday Weekly Bible Study**—6:15 p.m. in Chapel, led by Rev. Lewis, studying The Parables.

**Wednesday Friendship Class Study**—6:15 p.m. in the Parlor, led by Tom & Chris Knapp.

**Thursday Sisters Bible Study**—Thursdays: 10 a.m. in the parlor, studying an overview of the Old Testament.

**Reader's Group**—4th Thursday, in the parlor, Led by Evelyn Thomas.

## United Methodist Women Books to Library

Some of you have heard of the UMW Book Reading Program. Each year, the national committee releases a list of recommended books. Our local unit buys 15 or so of the books and puts them on the UMW bookshelves, where they remain for five years. Then they are transferred to the regular section of the library for everyone's use. Here are a few short descriptions of a few of these books from 2007. They are not typical "women's books!"

**"The Blindfold's Eyes"** by *Sister Diane Ortiz*. True story of a nun imprisoned and tortured in Guatemala. She testifies to the U.S. involvement in training and funding the 'death squads'.

**"From Rage to Reason"** by *Janet Langhart Cohen*. Janet gained fame on the black models tour and as a personality on black radio. She eventually became accepted by white society, marrying a white congressman. She describes how she grew up, and how her hatred and distrust was replaced by reason and acceptance.

**"Hurty Feelings"** by *Helen Lester*. A children's book. Fragility the hippo was always crying because she misinterpreted what her friends said. Then Rudy the elephant comes on the scene. Nobody likes him. Fragility felt sorry for him and helped him. A story about relationships and... well... feelings.

**"Just Wives?"** by *Katherine Sakenfeld*. The actions of women such as Ruth, Sarah and Hagar, Bathsheba and others are examined in the light of the culture of their times. Then similarities are drawn to our present cultures.

**"God's Politics" Why the Right Gets it Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get it** by *Jim Wallis*. Religion and politics can, and must, mix. Wallis goes into the whys and how's. Often quoted by others.

**"Kite Runner"** by *Khaled Housseini*. A novel set in Afghanistan in the '70s. Amir, the son of one of the wealthiest men in Kabul, is friends with the son of their servant. There is the annual celebration of kite flying, the invasion of the Russians, the coming of age of Amir and Hassan, the animosity between Shi's and Sunni.

**"My Time"** by *Abigail Trafford*. Teenagers undergo physical and emotional changes as they enter adolescence. Adults in the 50-60 age range do the same as they enter a 'second adolescence'. The author gives some suggestions which could help you make this 'my time' phase a truly enjoyable time in your life.

A complete list of books transferred to the main shelves of the library is posted on the UMW bookshelf.

## NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

### Stephen Ministry

While recently traveling, something dawned on me that I felt could possibly correspond with how some may view Stephen Ministry. As I sat for the final flight returning home from California, the all so familiar announcement was heard. Please focus your attention on the flight attendants as they review the safety instructions for your flight. Well, I had previously heard it three times on this trip alone and basically I felt fairly confident that I did not need to listen to the speech again. After all I know how to fasten and unfasten the seatbelts. I know that should the cabin lose air pressure the oxygen mask is going to suddenly drop from the ceiling of the aircraft and how to put the mask on. I know that should there be an emergency landing on water where to find my life jackets under the seat. After all, how many times do I need to hear it?

Later once I returned home all safe and sound, I thought about how my nonchalance to the instructions about what to do in case of emergency was really improper. I wondered if I would really know what to do in the case of an emergency; would I really remember all they had wanted me to know to keep me safer. It was then that I thought about Stephen Ministry.

I thought how many times people may have read about Stephen Ministry or heard about Stephen Ministry or saw the bulletin board about Stephen Ministry and thought to themselves they have heard and seen this way too many times. They've probably thought "I know what to do should I be in a difficult situation. I know to whom to turn should I lose a loved one. I know what to do should I lose my job and need someone to share my feelings and frustrations. I know where to go for help when it seems all is a loss. I won't even need to worry that I would be the one that would ever need a Stephen Minister".

Just like listening to the flight instructions, more than likely, yes, you won't probably need to have to react to an emergency on a plane. However, its nice to know you have been given the opportunity to know what and how to live through it should you have a need. Same is true for Stephen Ministry. Although you don't think you'll ever have use of it in your life, it's still nice to know and how to request help from Stephen Ministry should you have a need. Give it some thought. We are here. We've been trained to help. We hope you do not tire of hearing about us and we certainly hope that you will utilize our services to help you feel God's close presence should you be in a situation that is indicated for Stephen Ministry.

As Always, blessings to all,

Patti Van Loo for the Stephen Ministry Team

#### **COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAMS – Raise money for your church at no additional cost to you!!**

**Meijer Fundraiser** – In December you raised \$17.29 for the youth program through the Meijer Scrip program. Register online for Community Rewards at Meijer.com to receive your card (Organization #736319.)

**VG's Receipts:** Through their Community Rewards program, the church receives 1%. Please put your VG's receipts in the wooden box outside the church office. We count community share points. **Please use your VG's rewards card so the church gets credit.**

**Referral Invitation Card**—Let the church know the name of a friend or neighbor who might be looking for a church home. The Evangelism Committee invites you to provide the name and address, and the church will issue an invitation saying, *You've Got a Friend Here!*" You may be reluctant to invite them yourself, but we would like to invite them to our church. The Referral Invitation Card is in the pew rack of the Sanctuary, or in the basket on the tables in the Contemporary Service.

## Thank You Notes...

*Thank You! To the person who, on Christmas Eve, mistakenly took a black jacket—with car keys and promptly returned it, we do thank you.*

*Morrie Coles*

We wish to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards during the loss of my sister Betty Lou Shelters.

A special thank you to Rev. Lewis for a meaningful service, to Beth Kuhn, Brian Tyler and Ellen Paige for the music and to the United Methodist Women for the wonderful luncheon.

In friendship,  
Floyd and Priscilla Shelters

*A special thank you for visiting me with Rev. Lewis leading the carolers with their favorite songs of Christmas. The brownies and cookies from carolers were delicious and enjoyed by Sally and me. Sally was sorry she missed your visit. May 2012 be peaceful and with blessings to all.*

*Mildred Porter*

*Thank you to the following people who donated cookies or breads for the 11:30 coffee hour on Sundays during 2011:*

*Bev Arnold (2); Georgia Beckwith (2); Coralene Bloss(10); Marie Chubb (19); M&B Coles (2); Gerry DeMars (5); Joyce Fyke (1); Hamilton/Keller (2); Bonnie Headrick (2); Betty Hogle (1); Caryn Morse (1); Audrey Murray (5); Belle Myers (3); Helen Nutter (1); Dona Packer (4); Donna Pomeroy (1); Barb Potter (1); Andrea Sparks (5); Lynn Witmer (8).*

*Two people are needed each Sunday to bring 4-5 dozen cookies. A sign up sheet is in Lawson Hall every week.*

*~ Marie Chubb*

Dear Rev. Lewis & Family,

How nice of the friends to come to the caroling that Sunday, it really was heart warming. I shall be coming back to church as soon as I can get rid of the walker. It's so easy to fall with it also. As you probably know, I'm a visitor at your church, since I moved from West Branch where my dear husband is buried, and we attended a United Methodist church there, and I haven't given up my membership there, but I enjoy your services. Thanks again.

Erna Krumm

## Worship Notes

### Chancel Choir Notes...

The Chancel Choir extends a special Thank You to Diane Griffin for her leadership in January. She kept us 'on key' in the absence of our director, Jan Clay.

The Chancel Choir invites any interested members or friends to join their group. You are welcome to begin at any time... and this may be YOUR year!!! We rehearse each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room, just inside the back entrance to the church. **NO** experience necessary!

You are welcome any Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. We have a robe for you!

The Chancel Choir

### National Choir Appreciation Sunday

Just in case you missed it, Sunday, January 8th was the first ever National Choir Appreciation Sunday. The Chancel Choir is one group of people who are our congregation's unsung heroes week after week. With a desire to honor these faithful volunteers, J.W. Pepper Music Company, along with Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI) and Sermonspice. Some have decided its time to properly honor them and designated this day to do so.

We are Happy to be among those who celebrated the occasion. Each member of the Chancel Choir was presented a rose and the congregation gave them a well deserved round of applause. We, again, say Thank You to our choir — volunteers of time and inspiration — for the joyful noise they provide week in and week out all year long!

## Health Team Notes... February 2012

### **WALKING PRIMER**

By: Denise Hole RN

*Go; walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you—*

*Genesis 13:17*

The best exercise for me is walking. It's the one exercise I can commit to. I've tried water aerobics, weight training, Wii sports fit plus, treadmills, bicycling and it always comes back to walking. If I ever get fit enough to move to the next level, I might try jogging, but lets just say that this time I'm starting on the ground floor of exercise AGAIN and I know that if I want to feel better, and look better and be better, I've got to keep moving and walking will be the door through which I must step daily to make it happen.

Strangely, what motivates me most to walk is not how I feel, or wanting smaller clothes, or even preparing for a vacation in Washington DC this summer. It's writing about it. I fancy myself a writer and blogger, but I only allow myself to blog when I've been walking. I know, it's weird, but it motivates me to get off my duff and stretch my legs. As I started up my blog again, sadly it's been inactive for at least six months, it occurred that a review of walking basics are in order:

- Keep it brisk, shoot for 3 miles per hour or more in order to deter diseases.
- Daily walk means just that, daily. Even on chilly or misty days, a walk is beneficial; of course icy streets suggest moving the walk to the local shopping mall, big box store or gym.
- Bend your arms at the elbows. Hold them close to your body and pump them for added cardio benefits. It helps you go faster and is easier on your lower back.
- To add mileage, the rule of thumb is increasing your distance no more than 10-20 percent per week. If you're doing 2 miles now, only add 1/5 a mile this week, and 1/4 mile the next. The same addition rule goes if you measure your walks by time.
- Don't forget to warm up and cool down, 3-5 minutes on both the front end and the back end of the walk.
- Walk with a buddy, stimulate your mind as well as your body, if not a real person, listen to the radio or a book, or even turn your walk into a prayer walk, with God as your buddy.
- Last but not least, dress from toes to nose appropriately for the climate, terrain, and time of day. Think comfort and stability in shoes, insulation or breathability in pants and jackets, reflectors for safety.

## Mission Committee Updates... February 2012

### Christmas Offering for Missions

Praise the LORD we raised a total of **\$4976.46** for the three missions

I am sure that Livingston County Walk for Warmth, UP Missionary Katie Peterson and short term medical missionary to Africa Teresa Rutt will all be blessed to receive our assistance.

**Blanket Sunday**— Come February 12, 2012 prepared to give generously to purchase blankets for the poor.

**Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser**—Wednesday, February 29th Chili / Macaroni and cheese cook-off. If you are interested signing up to cooking a chili or macaroni and cheese. Please contact: Jan Reich or Julia Szkrybalo. Support our youth as they prepare for their summer mission trip to North Dakota.

**Pancake Breakfast**—Sunday, February 12th. A freewill donation breakfast will be put on by the Boy Scouts and the United Methodist Men.

**R.E.A.C.H.**—Volunteers are still needed to help work. Please sign up today.

Thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Angel Tree such a success!

**Missions**—Teresa Rutt is available to come and speak to any church group about her recent medical mission trip to Africa. Also, Basil Bloss is available to share with any group regarding his recent trip to Costa Rica.

**Free Money for Missions**—Make sure you continue to bring your education Label points and VG's receipts to church.

Remember to feed the poor by bringing in your groceries and placing them in the grocery cart for Gleaners.

**Livingston County Walk for Warmth**— Kathleen Kline Hudson is once again organizing our Methodists on the Move. Sign up to walk or donate today. Let's do even better than last year.

### MARK THE DATE!

**WALK FOR WARMTH – SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2012**

**8:30 a.m., Hartland Educational Support  
Service Center**

Plan on participating in the 2012 Walk for Warmth with our ***Methodists on the Move*** walk team! This Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) event is their largest fundraiser of the year. Teams, individuals, and sponsors are welcome. You'll be helping raise funds so that friends and neighbors stay safe and warm this winter while enjoying a Saturday morning, family-friendly event! Distances are non-competitive and the walk is held indoors with entertainment provided along the way. With your support OLHSA and First United Methodist Church of Howell will help even more families stay warm in 2012.

# FIRTSST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH — FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>Wednesday Schedule</u></b>                      5:15 pm Meal                      7 pm Contemporary                      Worship Band Rehearsal                      7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p>			<p><b>1</b> See <i>Wednesday schedule</i>                      10 am Staff Meeting                      6 pm Confirmation                      6 pm Belles of Praise                      6 pm Sr. High Girls Small Group                      6:15 pm Child &amp; Family                      6:15 pm Bible Studies                      6:15 pm Friendship Class                      6:15 pm Games for Kids                      6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group                      6:45 pm Community Garden</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      10 am Sisters Study                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      9 am Seniorcise</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b>                      Pancake Breakfast—Fund Raiser                      7:30 am UMM Business Meeting                      8 am Holy Communion                      8:45 &amp; 11:30 Blood Pressure                      3:30-5 pm Cub Scout Den                      6 pm Cub Scout Committee                      6 pm Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      Blood Drive 1-7 pm (Rooms 11-15)                      5:30 pm Disciple                      7 pm Missions                      7:30 pm Technology</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      6:30 am Men's Bible Study                      7 am Women's Bible Study                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>8</b> See <i>Wednesday schedule</i>                      6 pm Confirmation                      6 pm Belles of Praise                      6 pm Sr. High Girls Small Group                      6:15 pm Games for Kids                      6:15 pm Bible Studies                      6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>9</b>                      10 am Sisters Study                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Finance Committee                      7 pm Grace Circle</p>	<p><b>10</b>                      9 am Seniorcise</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
			R.E.A.C.H. Program			
<p><b>12</b>                      Blanket Sunday                      Boy Scout Sunday                      3:30-5 pm Cub Scout Den                      5 pm Youth Council                      6 pm Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      5:30 pm Disciple                      7 pm SM—Supervision                      7 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      6:30 am Men's Bible Study                      7 am Women's Bible Study                      10 am Men's coffee time                      10 am Book Club                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Boy Scouts                      7 pm Worship</p>	<p><b>15</b> See <i>Wednesday schedule</i>                      9:30 am Dorcas/Mary Martha circle                      1 pm Ruth Circle                      6 pm Confirmation                      6 pm Sr. High Girls Small Group                      6 pm Belles of Praise                      6:15 pm Bible Studies                      6:15 pm Games for Kids                      6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>16</b>                      10 am Sisters Study                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Church Council</p>	<p><b>17</b>                      9 am Seniorcise</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
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<p><b>19</b>                      3:30-5 pm Cub Scout Den                      3:00 pm Senior High Sledding                      6 pm Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      4 pm Executive UMW                      5:30 pm Disciple                      7 pm Evangelism</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      6:30 am Men's Bible Study                      7 am Women's Bible Study                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Boy Scouts                      7 pm S/PRC</p>	<p><b>22</b>                      5:15 pm Wednesday Meal  <b>6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service</b></p>	<p><b>23</b>                      10 am Sisters Study                      1:30 pm Readers Group                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm SM Supervision</p>	<p><b>24</b>                      9 am Seniorcise</p>	<p><b>25</b>                      Walk for Warmth</p>
					Middle School Spring Hill leaving at 3:30	
<p><b>26</b> 1st Sunday in Lent                      3:30-5 pm Cub Scout Den                      6 pm Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      5:30 pm Disciple                      7 pm Faith Circle</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      6:30 am Men's Bible Study                      7 am Women's Bible Study                      5 pm Exercise                      7 pm Boy Scouts                      7 pm Lay Leadership</p>	<p><b>29</b> Chili / Macaroni Cook-Off                      See <i>Wednesday schedule</i>                      6 pm Confirmation                      6 pm Belles of Praise                      6 pm Sr. High Girls Small Group                      6:15 pm Games for Kids                      6:15 pm Bible Studies                      6:30 pm Middle School Youth Group</p>	<p><b>Greeters for February: Faith Circle</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday Schedule</b>                      8 am Chapel Worship                      9 am Contemporary Worship                      10:30 am Sanctuary Worship                      10:15 &amp; 10:45 am Faith Factory                      10:30 am ASK (Adult SS)</p>	
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## FEBRUARY 2012

**Worship Times:** 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel  
9:00 a.m. in Lawson Hall  
10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Coffee & Fellowship Times:**

**Coffee Time:** 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor

**Common Grounds:** 10:10-10:25 a.m. in Lawson Hall

**Coffee Time:** 11:30 a.m. in Lawson Hall

**Office Hours:** Monday—Friday, 9 a.m.—3 p.m.

**Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School in Lawson Hall

**Faith Factory:** 10:15-11:00 and 10:45-11:30 a.m.

10:30 Youth Sunday School



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