

Dear Friends,

Lately I have been listening to Amy Grant's album, Legacy. It's a collection of beautiful hymns, and the final cut is the hymn "We're Marching to Zion." This rendition begins with a bagpiper and then a full chorus. It is resonating in my soul today.

Come ye that love the Lord and let your joys be known. Join in a song with sweet accord: join in a song with sweet accord.

And thus surround the Lord and thus surround the Lord. We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion.

We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God. In some ways the month of March feels like a "march." We are marching toward spring, sunshine, flowers. We are marching toward Easter, resurrection and new life. The March "march" begins on Thursday (March 7 at 7pm) with our Taizé service. Don't miss this service of amazing music, prayer and meditation. Then on March 10, we have our second Lenten Come Home service with a special celebration dinner following. We pick up the pace on Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday, then a Contemplative Prayer service on Tuesday (March 26, Holy Thursday (March 28) and Seven Last Words (our Good Friday service on March 29). We are marching toward Easter Sunday with a sunrise service and a traditional service at 10am with bells, choirs and instruments.

Come ye that love the Lord; join in our sweet accord. Join us in the march to Easter.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Myra

## MARCH TIDINGS 2024



#### AT A GLANCE

Pastor Myra
 Lent Schedule
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**REV. MYRA MORELAND** 

Senior Pastor

## LENT AT TROY FIRST

Join us at Troy First UMC this Lenten season as we ask the hard questions, wrestle with our doubts and find a deeper connection with God. Journey with us to Easter, the greatest miracle this world has ever seen.



Mar. 7: Taize Service - Meditative Service with Music

Mar. 10: 4th Sunday of Lent - Where Is Your Brother?

10am Traditional Worship

5pm Come Home Worship Service – Dinner FollowingMar. 17: 5th Sunday of Lent- What Is in Your Hand?

5pm Contemplative Prayer

Mar. 24: Palm Sunday Service - What Are You Looking For?

\*Brunch following service

Mar. 26: 7:00 pm Contemplative Prayer Service

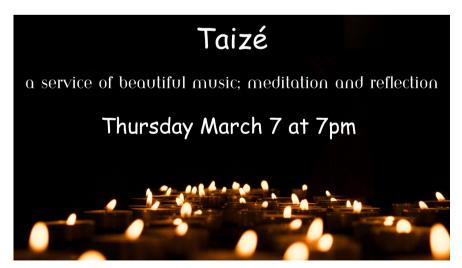
Mar. 28: 7:00 pm Holy Thursday

Mar. 29: 7:00 pm Good Friday, Seven Last Words

Mar. 31: Easter Sunday Sunday Services - Why Are You Crying?

7am Sunrise Service

10am Easter Celebration Service11am Youth Easter Egg Hunt





# A NOTE FROM OUTREACH...

#### **Community Outreach Opportunities**

During March, let's bring dry food for the Troy People Concerned Pantry.

**March 10:** We will take a special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. All of the money collected on this day will go to cover administration so that when we give to an UMCOR project, 100% goes to the project.

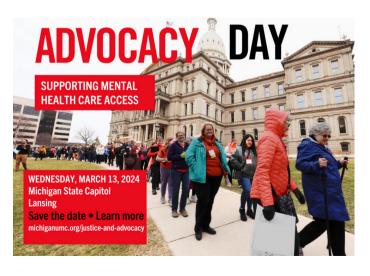
**March 13:** On this day Methodists from all over the state will gather in Lansing for United Methodist Advocacy Day. The day is dedicated to improving access to mental health care. If you would like to join in contact Rev. Rich Peacock or pick up an outline in the CLC at Coffee Hour to join in the letter campaign.

**March 17-23:** We are making sandwiches and preparing lunches for Lighthouse. If you want to participate sign-up with Julie Olsavsky and Robin Ostergaard.

**March 18**: 12 noon-3:30 pm – Our work at Pontiac Lighthouse food distribution center continues. If you want to be a part of this contact Cathy Miller or sign-up on the SignupGenius.

**March 31:** All money collected on Easter Sunday goes to our special Easter offering. Our goal this year is \$3,100. That money will be used to support our covenant with Monrovia First UMC, Cass Community Services, Missionary Princess Jesu, and The Methodist Children's Home in Redford.

Rich Peacock, Chairperson March 2024





### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The UWF Ruth and Deborah Circles enjoyed a joint luncheon meeting in February. We are busy preparing for upcoming events in April which include our annual Used Book Sale. We welcome your book drop offs beginning Sunday April 7th with the sale taking place Saturday April 13th and ending Sunday April 21st. We also look forward to hosting a cluster luncheon of UWF groups from surrounding churches on April 11th. This month our morning Ruth Circle will host a program on hand bells given by Sheryl Dukes and our evening Deborah Circle will have a program on the Troy Interfaith Group. All women in the church are encouraged and welcome to join our meetings and activities.

Nancy Dolehanty, President UWF

#### **Upcoming Dates at a Glance**

March 7 - Executive Committee Meeting at 1 PM
March 9 - District Mission Workshop
March 14 -Ruth Circle at 9:30 AM
Deborah Circle at 7:00 PM
March 17- Host Coffee Hour/UWF Sunday
March 20- Fellowship Luncheon - Camp Ticonderoga 11:30 AM
March 21- Kitchen Cleaning - 1pm
April 7 - Book drop off begins for Used Book Sale
April 11 - Host Cluster Luncheon
April 11-21- Book Sale open





## **YOUTH & FAMILY UPDATE**

### **Come Join Our Youth Group**

Grades 5-12

Sunday nights from 6:30PM to 8:00PM during the school year

Last month, we watched a movie in our theater, went to a play, attended a youth conference and did a Bible search challenge! Besides lively discussions, we often do service projects, games, and crafts!

March is an outreach month for our youth. We are making sandwiches for Lighthouse and helping with The Come Home Dinner.

Who doesn't enjoy a vintage pinball machine? This weekend UMYF will be visiting The Whitfords to enjoy their vintage pinball machines!

Later in March, we will join the youth group from Big Beaver Methodist for laser tag or bowling. As we head towards Easter, Troy First Youth will continue to find new ways of fellowship, community and Christ centered life.

For more information please reach out to Corinna Olesen at olesencorinna@gmail.com













# MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Debbie Hagelstein
- 3 Sheryl Dukes
- 4 Rick Rhoades
- **7** Brent Goudie, Jace Sobey
- 8 Haley Hernandez
- 9 Michelle Williston
- 10 Pastor Myra Moreland
- 11 Holly Wesp Dooley, Anna Olsavsky
- 12 Leo Maldonado
- 16 Marie Watson, Brooke Hartrick, Chris & Linda DeVilling
- 17 Jeff Sheren, Victoria Aurand
- 19 Corinna Olesen
- 20 Nancy Cameron
- 22 Scot Miller
- 27 Craig Dukes, Megan Steiger, Norah Dooley
- 29 Doug & Sharon Smith
- **31** Nathan Cardiff, Roger & Megan Steiger, Mary Smyth & Lou Wassel

Tom and Ann Stevens would like to thank you for all the calls, cards, visits and treats during Tom's stay at Heartland in Troy.
Your kindness is deeply Appreciated.