



MARCH TIDINGS 2024

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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

AT A GLANCE

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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. 3:** 3rd Sunday of Lent - The Questions God Asks Us - Where Are You?
- 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 Following
- Mar. 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 Services - Why Are You Crying?
 - 7am Sunrise Service
 - 10am Easter Celebration Service
 - 11am Youth Easter Egg Hunt

Taizé

a service of beautiful music; meditation and reflection

Thursday March 7 at 7pm



NOISY
SUNDAY
MARCH 24



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



Lunches for Lighthouse

SIGN UP AFTER SERVICE ON MARCH 3 & 10 TO HELP!

Sunday, 3/17	11:45am kitchen
Sunday, 3/17	6:30pm kitchen (UMYF)
Tuesday, 3/19	11:00am kitchen
Wednesday, 3/20	10:00am kitchen
Wednesday, 3/20	6:30pm kitchen
Friday, 3/22	11:00am kitchen
Friday, 3/22	7:00pm kitchen



Questions? Contact Julie Olsavsky or Robin Ostergaard

Not able to work any of these dates? You can always give money toward supplies. Simply indicate 'Lighthouse' on your check or use the keyword 'Lighthouse' for online giving.

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

FOOD DRIVE FOR LIGHTHOUSE



ITEMS NEEDED

- MACARONI & CHEESE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- JELLY
- CANNED SOUP
- CANNED MEATS
- BOXED POTATOES
- DRY PASTA
- RICE
- GRANOLA BARS
- CEREAL
- POWDERED MILK



LIGHTHOUSE FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers needed!

March 18

April 15

May 20

Any questions please contact Cathy Miller @ 248-408-0794

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

