

Leland Community UMC Weekly News

January 6, 2019

Welcome to Your Weekly News

Welcome to the first issue of the Weekly Leland Community UMC News! From the office staff and every committee and ministry area of our congregation, we try very hard to get pertinent information to you in a timely fashion. Up to this point we published a monthly newsletter that was e-mailed out to everyone, in addition to providing several printed issues for those who preferred a hardcopy of it. The problem with monthly newsletters is that they can become static and outdated very fast, and comments like "I didn't know about this" seem to abound.

It is our hope that this weekly news update will enable us all to "stay in the loop" about what is happening in the weekly life of our congregation. As always, if you have pertinent and timely information to pass on to the Leland UMC Community, e-mail it to Sherry Wolin by Thursday of each week, and we will do our best to fit it in. In addition to the printed combined Bulletin and Weekly News you hold in your hands today, the Weekly News section will also be posted on our congregation's website, lelandcommunityumc.org.

How to Get into Church

One of life's frustrations is for people trying to visit the church office or come for a meeting only to find some doors locked and having to walk around the church in order to find one that is unlocked. So here is a simple way of getting into church during regular office hours Monday through Friday (8:30-12:30): Both downstairs doors (Fellowship and Kitchen) are unlocked during regular office hours, as are the main Sanctuary doors and the Church Office door off the main parking lot. The unmarked side door into the Sanctuary is now locked permanently, as walking across the wood floors with wet, salt and sand encrusted boots and shoes does a number on the floor finish, and some deterioration of the flooring has been noticed and is being remedied. For afternoon and evening meetings, most committee leaders will already have a key to unlock the church doors and will have them open in time for you to attend. Now you know, and we look forward to seeing you in Church soon!

Sunday Youth Brunch & Springhill Update

Next Sunday, **January 13** the youth, aka "*biGfisH*", will be serving brunch to our congregation immediately following the worship service at 11:00 am. Please join us for a time of friendship and fellowship.

The donations that you provide help support our youth who will be attending SpringHill camp on February 1-3, 2019.

SpringHill sign-up begins next week. Please watch your email for sign up information. Please contact Sherry Wolin if you need further information, 231/499-6055.



2019 Mission & Outreach Giving

The following list is provided so that you may know in advance the organizations we have chosen to focus on for 2019. These 10 special giving opportunities occur every month on the third Sunday, except for January and May. Our Mission and Outreach giving is always “above and beyond” of what we choose to give to the ministry of the Leland Community Church through our tithes and our offerings. This list is updated every month.

	<i>Mission Emphasis:</i>
February	Leelanau Christian Neighbors
March	UMCOR Sunday
April	Leelanau Christian Neighbors
June	Native American Awareness Sunday
July	Leelanau Christian Neighbors
August	UMCOR Disaster Relief
September	Harvest Dinner
October	C.R.O.P. Walk
November	Leelanau Christian Neighbors
December	Christmas Eve Special Offering

In December LCUMC received thank you letters for donations received from the: Goodwill Inn, Traverse City; the Leelanau Children’s Center and UMCOR U.S. disaster relief (100% of the money donated to UMCOR disaster relief supports disaster relief).

Our Christmas Eve Offering was divided evenly between the Leelanau Children’s Center and UMCOR California Wildfire Relief efforts. *Your Mission and Outreach Committee*

Dedication of New Pew Bibles on January 13

If last Fall’s *Community Bible Experience* event proved anything, then it was certainly that holding and reading a physical book in one’s hands was a satisfying experience, and in that spirit, we are excited to announce that next Sunday, January 13, we will dedicate our new Pew Bibles during morning worship. Our current Pew Bibles in the *Good News Translation* are now 40 years old, and many of the hardcover books are in a sorry state and can no longer be purchased to replace worn-out copies. Our Church Council approved the purchase of new Pew Bibles in the *English Standard Version*, and 100 copies were purchased through undesignated funds that had been given to the Church Memorial Committee.

You may choose to give one or more of our new Pew Bibles in memory or honor of a loved one, and the church will attach a special book plate in these copies. More information on this later.

Many of our current Pew Bibles had also been given in memory or honor of someone, and if you would like a specific copy of our old Bibles, feel free to take it home. Any remaining old Pew Bibles that are in acceptable condition will be donated to local ministries and organizations, such as Jail Ministry, Homeless Shelters, etc.

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