

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### Makayla Parshall and Baylee Chaffin have been awarded the Shaw-Passenger Memorial Scholarship

**Makayla** is the granddaughter of Faith & Rick Coston. She attends Mid Michigan College and will transfer to Central Michigan University or Alma College. She is studying Education and she intends on getting her degree in Early Childhood Education. Makayla's goal is to finish her degree with little or no debt. She's been working for 3 years at Arbor Grove and has had the privilege of taking care of her Great-Granpappy Nelson the last few years of his life. Mikayla wants her life to show others that even when we are in our darkest place there is always a blessing; we may have to look hard for it and we may not see it until years later but it is always there.

**Baylee** is the son of Kevin & Jackie Chaffin. Ithaca United Methodist Church has been a big part of his life growing up. He is currently attending Lansing Community College and will be taking classes this fall at LCC and Northwood University where he is studying Marketing. His goal is in Digital Marketing and/or Social Media position. He also has 2 1/2 years at Michigan State University. Baylee also works on campus at the fitness and wellness center. He appreciates everything that the United Methodist Church has done for him.

### Braxton Lamey and Bronx Lamey have been awarded the Roy and Thelma Sanderson Memorial Scholarship

**Braxton** is the son of Neil Lamey and Linda Nieman. He is the grandson of Russ & Bonnie Simcox. He is a junior at Alma College studying mathematical sciences with a focus in engineering. Braxton will graduate in May of 2024 with his bachelor's degree and plans on pursuing a career in automotive engineering. Outside of his education, he enjoys working on his own engineering projects. Whether that be working on his cars, working with engines, welding, and all things in between. Braxton's faith in God has always been front and center in his life.

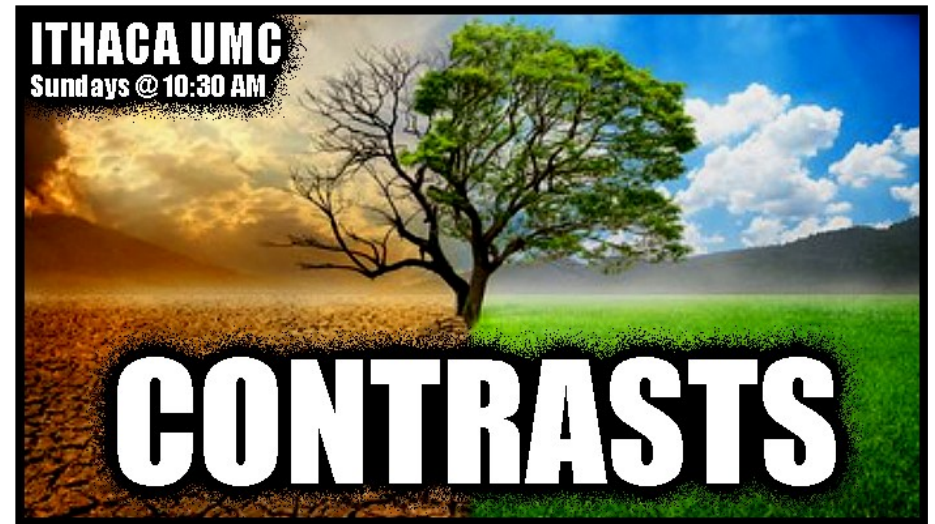
**Bronx** is the son of Neil Lamey and Linda Nieman. He is the grandson of Russ & Bonnie Simcox. He just finished his second year of college at Northwood University studying in their four year BBA/MBA program in which his major is finance. Bronx's goal is to work as the chief financial officer at a bank. In his free time, he volunteers at Midland County Humane Society and works at McDonald's and Mercantile Bank. Bronx's hope from receiving generous scholarships such as this, is that he will be able to turn around and produce the same types of aid to the next generation of students that will continue to make a difference in this world.

### The Jeanne & Nyal Flegel Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Mikayla Parshall (see above).

## ITHACA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Connecting with our community by offering hope and purpose in Christ.*

June 2023



As summer begins, we will be walking together through another short yet powerful book - The First Letter of John. This letter, though not addressed to a specific people or church, was likely directed to Gentile believers in Asia Minor near John's home church at Ephesus.

First John is a fascinating study in CONTRASTS - Light & Darkness, Life & Death, Truth & Lies, Genuine & False, Love & Hate.

John brings us face to face with each of these and more to help us identify TRUE FAITH against FALSE FAITH.

You've likely heard the expression "If you're going to talk the talk, you better walk the walk!" John's first letter is an excellent tool to help every believer align his/her walk with his/her talk, witnessing to the world the truth and love of Jesus Christ.

## GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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### Children's Church at 10:30 AM during Worship Service

All children preschool - 6th grade are welcome. Pastor Gary will dismiss them to the education wing for a Christ-centered experience geared for them. Please retrieve your children following the service.

### Cry Room and Nursery Care

Available during Sunday worship service for children 3 years old and under. Both are located in the education wing and the nursery is staffed by volunteers on a rotating schedule. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nursery or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Deana Schaffer at 989-576-1765.

### Assisted Listening System

A "Hearing Loop" is provided in this sanctuary for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use this service, please switch to "T".

## STAY CONNECTED

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**Senior Pastor:** Gary Simmons  
**Assistant to the Pastor:** Mark Monroe  
**Worship Leader:** Keegan Hartman

### Contact Pastor Gary

**E-mail:** PastorGarySimmons@Gmail.com

### Questions to ask? Announcements to make?

**E-mail:** Connect@IthacaUMC.org

**Phone:** 989-875-4313 (Leave a message)

**Church Office:** Currently Unstaffed

**Join the Prayer Chain:** Prayer@IthacaUMC.org

### Sermons, calendar, and much more online!

**Website:** www.IthacaUMC.org

**FB & Insta:** @IthacaUnitedMethodistChurch

**YouTube:** Ithaca UMC Worship

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, June 11th immediately following the worship service. Discussing affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.

### Leadership Board Meeting

Monday, June 12th at 5:30 PM in the church basement.

### Church Conference

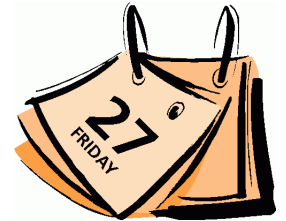
Disaffiliation meeting with the District Superintendent will be held on the evening of Monday, August 21st. Time TBD.

### Special Session of the Michigan Annual Conference

Determining the next steps for not just our church, but several other churches in the conference. To be held on November 30th.

### Choir Practice

Welcoming new voices to make a joyful noise unto the Lord every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.



## THE MISSION FIELD

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**Do you see a need that has gone unmet?** We're looking for a few outwardly-focused ministry ideas. If you have any suggestions for how Ithaca UMC can connect with the community to offer hope and purpose in Christ, please get in touch with one of the members of the Leadership Board: *Pastor Gary Simmons, Mark Monroe, Ben Bates, Jim Bowen, Joelle Gibson, Keegan Hartman, Glenda Konecny, Scott Merchant, and Anna Rittersdorf.*

## FAITH@HOME

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**Small groups** are a great way to build authentic relationships with other Christ followers and dive deeper in discipleship. If you'd like to take this opportunity to grow in your faith and experience Christian camaraderie, we encourage you to join an existing small group or start one of your own. Please contact Mark Monroe at 989-506-7996 or Ken Gibson at 989-388-2831.