

SERMON NOTES

PHOTO PROJECT

Do you have any great pictures of events, projects, or small groups from the last five years or so that you would like to share? Send them to Connect@IthacaUMC.org.

ITHACA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Connecting with our community by
offering hope and purpose in Christ.

August 2023



The Bible tells us that Jesus, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of a woman, and lived as one of us, and then was crucified for our sins. After that He arose again from the dead and appeared to many people before he ascended into heaven.

The book of Acts tells us that immediately after his ascension, two angels told his disciples – **“This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”** – Acts 1:11b (NIV)

Without a doubt, we have been given the promise that Jesus is coming back! The book of Revelation tells us all about Christ's return and the events surrounding it. God has revealed to us these things to come so that we might be ready for Christ's second coming. For seven weeks this summer (beginning July 9th and then July 23rd through August 27) we will carefully look at this final book in the Bible, The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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

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

Sunday School Teachers

A new school season is nearly upon us and we're still short a few Sunday School teachers. If you would like to join the rotation of volunteers to mentor our little ones, please see Anna Rittersdorf.

Leadership Board Meeting

Thursday, August 17th at 5:30 PM in the church basement.

Church Conference

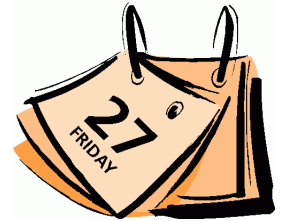
The disaffiliation meeting with the District Superintendent will be held in the sanctuary on Monday, August 21st at 6:00 PM. Only members of Ithaca UMC who are present for this meeting may vote in the decision that will dramatically affect the future of this local church.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

Grab a box in the lobby and fill it with age and gender appropriate gifts per the guidelines. You can also simply donate funds to support the project.



THE MISSION FIELD

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

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.