Service of Worship

+Please stand where indicated if it is comfortable for you. All are welcome in this place of worship. As you are seated, please silence your cell phones. For those with infants a staffed nursery is available.

We Gather Around the Word

PRELUDE My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Matt Limbaugh Silence is kept during the prelude to prepare our hearts for worship

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ed Paxton, Lay Leader

FORWARD IN FAITH UPDATE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us. Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving! Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! Amen.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" St. Columba

+GLORIA PATRI #70

Meineke

Lindy Hustedt

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

+OPENING PRAYER

Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Amen.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you. And also with you.

+SONG OF PEACE

"Bind Us Together"

Bind Us Together

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)

Tabitha Jordan

Children who wish to attend Sunday School are dismissed to Classroom A

WORSHIP IN MUSIC

Brother James'Air Lighthouse Choir

Stan Pethel

We Hear the Word

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (In unison)

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and folow it into eternal life. Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 23 Pew Bible OT Page 474 The Word of the Lord

+GRADUAL HYMN #381 vs. 1-2

Thanks be to God

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury

The Gospel is processed to the center of the congregation to signify that it is central to the church, our faith, and our lives.

+GOSPEL LESSON

Iohn 10: 11-18 Pew Bible NT Page 97 The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

+GRADUAL HYMN #381 vs. 3-4

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SERMON

The Good Shepherd Pastor Tabitha Jordan

We Respond to the Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH continued....

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*universal

HYMN OF ADORATION #347

"Spirit Song"

Spirit Song

THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom dome, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want Wilbur Held

+DOXOLOGY 94

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We Bear the Word in the World

+RECESSIONAL HYMN #545

"The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

+BENEDICTION

Pastor Tabitha Jordan

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd, and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.

+POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Robert Lau

CONNECT CARD

WELCOME! We'd like to

help you get connected.

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Missions

United Methodist Women

Men's Prayer Group

Strawberry Festival Volunteer

Stephen Ministry

Greeting and Ushering

Communion Stewardship

Fellowship Hour Hospitality

Singing in the Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

In everything by prayer...
Let your requests be made known unto God.

Philippians 4:6

Please write your request here and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

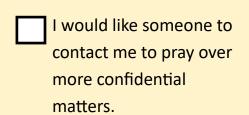
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DATED AT 941-964-2479



Welcome!

All are welcome into the life and ministry of the United Methodist Church. We are honored that you are here. Please join us for refreshments between the services in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will worship with us again as we continue to discover the difference God's love makes in our lives! For those with infants, a staffed nursery is available; please ask one of the ushers for directions.

ISLAND YOUTH GROUP - Wednesday nights at 6:00PM

Contact Tabitha Jordan for more information

NICARAGUA MEDICAL MISSION TEAM Sign ups have begun for the October Medical Mission Team, traveling to Leon, Nicaragua on Oct. 13-20, to serve the Twelve Churches Community. We are looking for doctors, nurses, and non medical volunteers. The deadline to sign up is is May 1. There is also a Construction Missions trip scheduled for Oct. 21-27. Please contact Sheila Dorst with questions and for more information.

REVEREND WILLIAMS GUEST SPEAKER AT EPWORTH

As a guest of the Epworth Church Association, Rev. Williams will be preaching at the Epworth Assembly Auditorium in Ludington, Michigan, Sunday morning, June 3 at 10:30 AM. He also will be leading evening Vespers and Monday Musings, which are also open to the public.

We have many parishioners whose summer homes are in driving distance to Ludington. All are welcome to attend.

UMCOR ALLOCATES \$46 MILLION FOR DISASTER RECOVERY

A new round of grants from the United Methodist Committee on Relief — including \$16.8 million to the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico — will build upon the denomination's response to Hurricanes Maria, Irma and Harvey. Approved April 13 by UMCOR's board of directors, the more than \$46 million in grants also will further assist recovery efforts related to last year's Northern California fires and the historic 2016 flooding in Louisiana. Hurricane Maria, which struck Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, was the worst storm to hit the island in 80 years, and its aftermath created a humanitarian crisis.

STAY CONNECTED AND STAY COMMITTED!

Please remember that during the off season we still need ushers, liturgists, hospitality hosts, and communion stewards. Sign up sheets are in Fellowship Hall. And, don't forget to visit our Lighthouse Church website at bglighthouseumc.com and listen to and view each week's sermon during the summer months.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness Our gifts as of April 15, 2018

Our gifts as of April 15, 201	8
2018 OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$564,000.00</u>
PLEDGES, OFFERING, PLATE RECEIVED	<u>\$298,662.00</u>
MISSION GIVING	<u>\$19,483.00</u>
UMW MISSIONS	\$59,840.00
CAPTAL CAMPAIGN	\$1,392,582.00

Special Thanks for Serving in the Lord's House today!

Ushers: Pam & Larry Hannah
Acolyte & Cross Bearer: Abigail Turner
Liturgist: Lynda Jamison
Audio Visual Technology: Mike Hilton
Sunday School: Leslie Barrett
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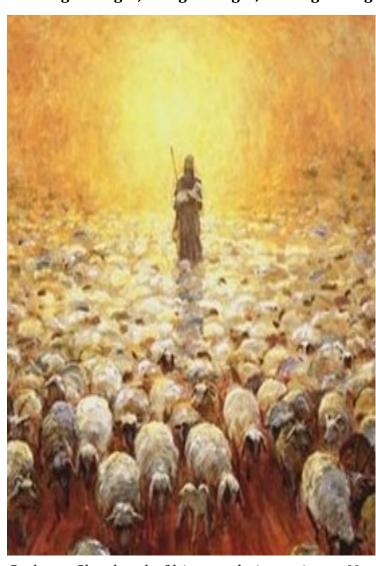


Lighthouse Church

A United Methodist Congregation

April 22, 2018 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Receiving the Light, Being the Light, Sharing the Light



God as a Shepherd of his people is not just a New Testament idea. From Genesis 48 and forward God is referenced as the Shepherd of his people many times. The idea of God as shepherd emphasizes the intuitive relationship a shepherd has with his sheep. A Good Shepherd would know each of their sheep by name and was willing to keep them from danger, even at the risk of their own lives. This week we look more into what it meant for Jesus to identify himself as the Good Shepherd and what that means for us to-day.