

# THE LAMPLIGHTER

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## Sermon Series The Full Life

Key Verse: *...you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2:5 (NIV)*

January 1, 2012

WESLEY'S COVENANT with HOLY COMMUNION

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:9-13

Sermon Title: "Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow"

January 8, 2012

Scripture: John 10:1-10

Sermon Title: "God Provides"

January 15, 2012

Scripture: John 15:1-10

Sermon Title: "God's People Return"

January 23, 2012

Scripture: "2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sermon Title: "Blessing on Purpose"

January 31, 2012

Scripture: Romans 15:23-29

Sermon Title: "Team Work!"

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

1-2012

In 1 Peter 4:10, the Bible says; ***“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”*** (NLT) I would emphasize the word “given”, because it is past tense. God gave, and that means we need not wait for anything. We already have everything we could possibly need! That is why; following the most joyful season of the year, we rejoice in all that God has given us. Not just the gifts at Christmas, but the friends, family, and our salvation all from the hand of God.

But why, then, is there so much need in the world? Why are there hungry children, and people dying from disease around the world? If God gives everything we need, why don't those suffering have what they need? Well, sometimes we don't like the answer because, you see, God has given everything that's needed. But, it has not yet made it to the final destination. God gives to some more than enough, to help those in need. This is what Christian stewardship is all about. Using the gifts God has given for God's glory, not for our bank accounts.

Unfortunately human nature, all too often overwhelms our desire to give. Maybe it's a cultural thing, maybe it's because we worry too much about running out, I don't know. Whatever the issue is, we all know that God gives to us, and we don't always pass along the blessings! In fact, sometimes we wait too long. I read a story from an old Paul Harvey broadcast last week. I think I'll share it with you:

***November 22, 1995: “A woman called the Butterball consumer service number inquiring about a turkey that had been in her freezer for 23 years. The company representative told her, it might be safe if the freezer had been kept below zero degrees the entire time, but the representative cautioned the woman that, even if it were safe, the flavor had probably deteriorated and the company did not recommend eating it. At this point the woman replied; “That's what we thought. We'll probably just give it to the church.”***

I wonder, do we give God the first fruits, or keep the best for ourselves? Consider another place in the Bible where we read God gave; John 3:16, ***“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*** (NLT) I'm thankful God gives me the best, aren't you?

SEE YA IN CHURCH!

JIM NOGGLE



Coffee Time

1  
 8 High School Sunday  
 School Class  
 15  
 22  
 29  
 Please sign up @ Connection  
 Corner.

GREETERS



1  
 8  
 15  
 22 John & Dawne Ball  
 29  
 What would you think if you  
 arrived at the gates of Heaven,  
 and no one greeted you?



2 Tim Shuck  
 4 Eric Griswold  
 7 Dave Hamilton  
 9 Art Wright  
 10 Linda Hamilton  
 12 Barbara Magoon  
 13 William Black  
 13 Annette Radeck  
 15 Don Bailey  
 15 Kim Mouser  
 15 Megan Shuck  
 17 Teresa Merrow  
 18 Teri Chandler  
 19 Jane Stutzman  
 22 Kelli Hamilton  
 22 Amanda Johnson  
 24 Sharon Yen  
 26 Toni Gould  
 27 Jerry Lachniet  
 28 Tammy Diebold  
 30 Mike Brown  
 30 Barb Jeltema  
 31 Wanda Tahaney  
 31 Sarah VanHammmen  
 31 Izzy Ward



1 Jeanne Hoye  
 8 Art Wright  
 15 Brian Smith  
 22 TBA  
 29 Judy VanLente



1 Pastor Jim  
 8 Christine Wright  
 15 Kay Smith  
 22 TBA  
 29 Sharon Sumner

We need your help, please  
 see the sign up sheet at  
 the Connection Corner.



10 Lynn & Karen Herman  
 29 John & Dawne Ball

**We Need Your HELP!!** Openings are available every week for people to help with worship. We need Liturgists, Children's Sermon leader, Ushers, Greeters, Coffee Time people, and Connection Corner Helpers. **PLEASE** help fill these positions. Sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Connection Corner.

## Rekindle your Kindle

Billy Teninty, a former member of the Grand Haven Church of the Dunes has spend the past several years traveling around the world, establishing and nurturing training programs in medical equipment repair. His ministry continues to be supported by the church. Presently, Billy in working in Haiti, establishing a training program in both medical and biomedical equipment repair. Billy works with the Duke University Global Health Working Group to promote the training programs.

Recently, Billy made a request to find used Kindle e-readers to distribute free to the medical and biomedical repair students overseas, starting in Haiti. The intent is to place training materials and service manuals on the Kindles to help students find the resources they need to correctly service and maintain their medical equipment. The goal is to secure twenty-five Kindles to start the program in Haiti. Presently, there are twenty-five students from thirteen hospitals in their second session working on biomedical equipment repair. Having the Kindles in hand will permit the students to upgrade their training.

Billy is seeking functioning e-readers (Kindles, Nooks, Sony e-readers, etc, along with cords and chargers) that may become available as current owners upgrade their own e-reader units, or have units that are not be used. Or, they can also accept units that are purchased new or used for donation to the project. In all cases, the cut-off date for contributing e-readers to the program is January 15, 2012.

For those wishing to make a donation(s), the units can be dropped off at the Church of the Dunes at 717 Sheldon, Grand Haven or directly mailed to: Lora Perry, Hudson 136, Box 90281, Durham, North Carolina 27708.

In addition, if there are questions about Billy's programs, or there is interest in helping support Billy's efforts to assure that essential medical equipment found in hospitals around the world is in full and correct working order, contact Vicki Reis, Missions Co-chair at Church of the Dunes.

### **Registration is Open: Leadership Training Events in January**

These identical trainings are for the GR District local church SPRC's, Trustee Boards, Finance Committees and Nominations/Leadership Development Committees from both GR and Muskegon area churches.

- Wednesday, January 25 at Muskegon Central UMC from 6:45-9pm
- Thursday, January 26 at Rockford UMC from 6:45-9pm

These trainings are free! Questions? Please call or email Liz in the GR District office at [grdistrict@wmcumc.org](mailto:grdistrict@wmcumc.org) or 616.459.4503.



# COOKIES!

Do you enjoy the coffee and cookies after Worship? We need your HELP! We need volunteers to sign up to help by bringing cookies and/or serving the refreshments. If you would be willing to help, please sign up in the Connection Corner or see Sharon Applegarth.

## Spring 2012 Lay Speaking Classes now Forming

**Advanced Class:** *Leading Small Groups*-Instructors Helen Reid and Jody Pratt  
Saturday, March 17, from 9am until 3pm at Twin Lake UMC. One Saturday only with lunch and materials provided. Fee is \$25 and payable at the door on March 17. Make-up date is Saturday, April 14, 2012. Class must have 10 registrants to be held.

**Basic Class**-Instructor TBD  
Saturday, March 17 AND Saturday, April 14. Participants must attend both sessions to receive Basic Class certificate of completion. The fee is \$25 and covers registration, two lunches and all materials. Payment can be made at first class; please make checks payable to WMC Treasurer. Must have 10 registrations for class to be held. Please register via email to Jody Pratt at [prattgji@hughes.net](mailto:prattgji@hughes.net) or call 269.792.0481 and leave a message. Please request a return call or email to confirm your registration. Registration deadline is February 10, 2012.

Classes will take place at Twin Lake UMC, 5940 S. Main St, Twin Lake, 49457. Twin Lake UMC is located just off M-120 in Twin Lake.

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 2012 LAMPLIGHTER IS JANUARY 10. ALL ARTICLES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE! YOU MAY EMAIL THEM TO: [catsdesk@northlawnumc.org](mailto:catsdesk@northlawnumc.org)




Now is the time to clean out your closet!! The church circuit that Joe Beavens was assigned to have a Free Store that supply gently used clothes to those in need. He has asked if we could do a clothing drive here at Northlawn for them. We will be collecting gently used clothing in any size, **especially** infant/children through adult to help with this ministry.

**The Northlawn Vision:**

Connecting through God’s power, *learning* through love and *service* to live like Jesus Christ.

**Core Principles:**

God 1s...: *everything begins with and is in God’s care, including all of us. (Genesis 1:1)*

Walk  His way... *live like Jesus Christ, love and serve the world. (Matt. 25:40)*

God<sup>3</sup> ...*God creates, Jesus loves, the Spirit guides all of us. (Matt. 28:19)*

NECM COLLECTION FOR JANUARY

Boxed potatoes, stuffing, hamburger helper, tuna helper, any beans (canned or dried), rice.



NECM MONTHLY NEEDS

NECM always needs grocery bags. They may be paper or plastic

- Meat
- Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Vegetables
- Dry milk
- Macaroni & cheese
- Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Canned spaghetti (like spaghetti o’s)
- Diapers
- Toothpaste/brushes
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant

## Reshape Your World: A Bishop's Day Event on March 10, 2012 @ Cornerstone UMC

The keynote Speaker will be Shannon Trilli from UMCOR. Shannon is a young adult who joined the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in January 2008 as an executive for Project Implementation and Evaluation for the Health Unit. Her primary program areas have included the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund, the Malaria Control Program, and most recently, developing and directing UMCOR's strategy as part of the denomination's \$75 million "Imagine No Malaria" campaign. The INM campaign includes partners such as the United Nations Foundation and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

**2 BREAKOUT SESSIONS:** Workshops will be focused on domestic and international mission, local church outreach, health and welfare ministries, hospitality ministries, children, youth, young adult ministries and many other topics of interest to local churches.

**LUNCH:** The GR District Conference will take place during the lunch break. Also during the lunch break there will be a Panel Discussion with young adults who are active in domestic and/or international outreach and mission.

**CLOSING WORSHIP:** DS Laurie Haller will lead our closing worship celebration which will include an opportunity for individuals and churches to respond to God's call to ministry and mission. Cost is \$17 per person and online registration will begin soon. Questions? Please call or email the GR District office at 616.459.4503 or [grdistrict@wmcumc.org](mailto:grdistrict@wmcumc.org).

### Attention Committee Leaders

It is your responsibility to put your meetings and events on the master calendar. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Jim.



## Silver Senior Luncheon January 4, 2012 at 12:00 pm Sack Lunch & a Movie!

Please come and join us for Chicken or Ham Salad on a croissant, jello, chips, pickle, cookie, soft drinks & POPCORN!! Invite a friend and come and join us!!

## Thank You for your Prayers

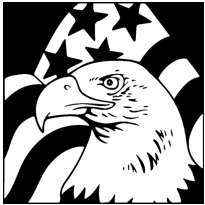
*Thank you for all the prayers, calls, and visits while I was in the hospital and recovering from my surgery. I am doing well and your well wishes are so greatly appreciated!*

*Ivan Mellema*

*Dear Northlawn family,*

*I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, & hugs I have received following the death of my dad, Ray Grant, it has made a hard time easier knowing I am truly blessed with friends like you.*

*Sue Cleveland & Family*



### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Please help us keep in touch with our friends, family, & church members who are serving in the military by sending an update with their name & address to [dlhamilton@charter.net](mailto:dlhamilton@charter.net). We really want to honor those serving our country, especially during the holiday season when its so hard to be far from home.

### Bad Weather Policy

Worship celebrations, and week day events, at Northlawn will be canceled when Grand Rapids Public Schools are closed, or the National Weather Service issues a Blizzard Warning. In the event you are uncertain please call the church. But always remember; when in doubt, don't go out!



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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from Lord's Mountain Orphanage family*

*"Do not be afraid. I bring you Good News of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 11*

The shepherds caring for their sheep; Mary and Joseph caring for their new baby;

The angel choir breaking the Good News in the darkness of the earth assuring the poor shepherds not to be afraid because God cares for his people.



Planting exercise at Lord's Mountain



Children have enough to eat

Dear Friends and Supporting Churches,

In the first place, we would like to thank God for seeing us through and providing us with the blessings that we have had in this year 2011. As we are almost done with this year, we want to say may this beautiful season of Christmas fill your lives with abundant happiness and bring great things in the New Year for everyone.

We want to thank you for the support that you have given us through the years.

With your help we have been able to plant our various crops in our farms.

With your help the construction of the chicken coop is almost completed.

With your help our cooks have a shelter over their heads.

With your help 12 children managed to write grades 7, 9 and 12 exams with the Examination Council of Zambia waiting for the results.

With your help our children have enough to eat.

With your help we are ready to bring 8 new orphans at Lord's Mountain to fill the gap. And this has to take place before the year 2011 elapse completely.

With your help LIZZY KAONGA, a grade twelve girl has written this letter bellow to us to appreciate our caring.



Dear Mum and Dad,

Before releasing all my words of appreciation I want to ask you to forgive me. I know each and everything has got its own time. You know as children how we behave, we can offend you in many ways but being father/parents you tried in many ways to correct us. Mum and Dad you loved us despite our wrong doing as children.

Parents, I want to appreciate you for everything that you have done for my life. You have supported me in everything I needed in my life from my grade 3 to 12 you have done many things such as paying my school fees, buying clothes, feeding me, teaching me how to know and love God, how to love and help people in need, and how a child should live with others and so many that I can't mention.

You are like my own parents and I will never forget you in my life. Remember to be praying for me as well as I will be praying for you. Daddy am asking you to give me a Bible to take with me.

Dad and mum, please allow me to go for the sake of my young sisters who have to come to start going to school. Please bless me to go maybe my God will bless me with something to do before receiving my results.

Dad and Mum you are real parents for me and I will continue to remember you for what you have done in my life. For all that you have done it is not for nothing but only God who sees in secret will bless you abundantly. Please forgive me for everything and please don't forget me because I am leaving you.

Continue with the good work you are doing to everyone.

Your daughter LIZZY KAONGA.



Lizzy Kaonga & Joshua Lumene

You understand that together we mean a lot for these boys and girls of Lord's Mountain Orphanage.

Pastor Bernard & Betty Lumene

As the new year begins, think about what may be ahead for you!!

January's ❄️❄️ fall from above;

February finds us with ❤️❤️ full of love.

In March comes spring with 🌸 breaking through;

April's showers make the 🌧️ green and new.

We honor our 👤 on a day in May;

In June we remember 👤 on his day.

July brings picnics, 🍷 and fun;

The "dog days" of August bring hot, hot ☀️.

September 🍎 take us back to school;

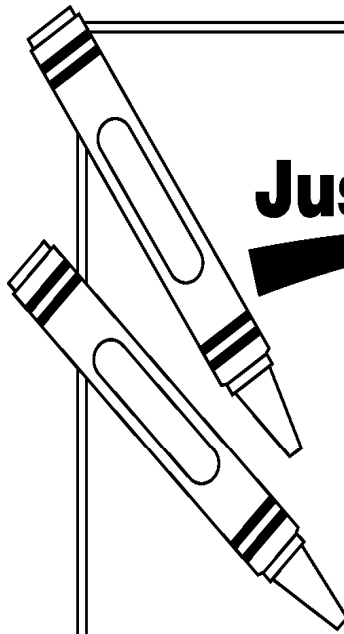
October 🍂 turn gold and the air turns cool.

👤 Day comes in November each year,

And in December we're filled with 🌟 cheer.

A year full of new days is given to you....

Thank God and remember him in each thing you do.

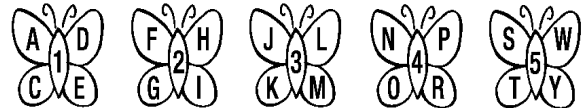


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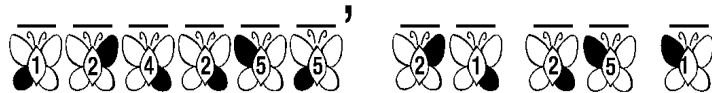
## Happy New Day!

Each January 1 we begin a new year. But each day we also have a chance to begin again!

Use the code to find 2 Corinthians 5:17.



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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

# Sweet Scripture Treat!

... a recipe hidden in your Bible!

*You will need:*

- a Bible
- a bowl
- a spoon
- waxed paper
- a plate
- measuring cups



*In the bowl put:*

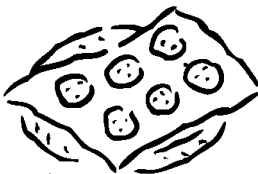
1/2 cup I Samuel 14:25  
(Hint: H \_ \_ \_ \_)

1 1/2 cups Judges 5:25  
(powdered/dried)  
(Hint: M \_ \_ \_)

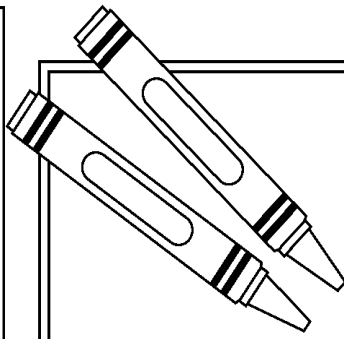
1/2 cup I Samuel 30:12  
(Hint: R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_)



Mix together and drop on waxed paper on the plate. Put in the refrigerator for a while to set.



Enjoy!



# Just for KIDS

Matthew 6:21

“For where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there your heart will be also.”

There is a special or valuable item in each verse below. Find the item and fit it into the boxes with the corresponding number circled. Unscramble the letters that are circled. Spell a word that fills the blank above.

Verses:

1. Zechariah 9:16
2. Esther 2:17
3. Matthew 13:45-46
4. Proverbs 25:4
5. 2 Timothy 2:20
6. Luke 21:2
7. Genesis 41:42a
8. Proverbs 3:15
9. Ezekiel 16:11
10. Exodus 35:22
11. Ezekiel 16:11

Hidden word:

Hidden Word: Treasure  
 1. Jewels 2. Crown 3. Pearls 4. Silver 5. Gold 6. Coins 7. Ring 8. Rubies 9. Bracelets 10. Earrings 11. Necklace

# January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  No Sunday School Today	2	3 7 pm Praise & Worship	4 7 pm Chancel Choir	5	6	7 7 pm Widow Persons Group using the fellowship hall
8	9	10	11 7 pm Chancel Choir	12 6 pm Board of Trustees 6 pm Mission & Outreach	13	14
15	16 7 pm C.O.R.E	17	18 7 pm Chancel Choir	19 6:30 pm Pastor Parish Relations Committee	20 Wedding Rehearsal	21 Wesorick Wedding
22	23	24 Leadership Training; Rockford UMC. 6:45 pm	25 Repeat: Leadership Training; Muskegon Central UMC. 6:45 pm 7 pm Chancel Choir	26	27	28
29 Sunday Brunch following the worship service. No Sunday school Today	30	31	<u>Sunday Worship Schedule:</u> 9:45 am    Worship Service 11:00 am    Sunday School for all ages			



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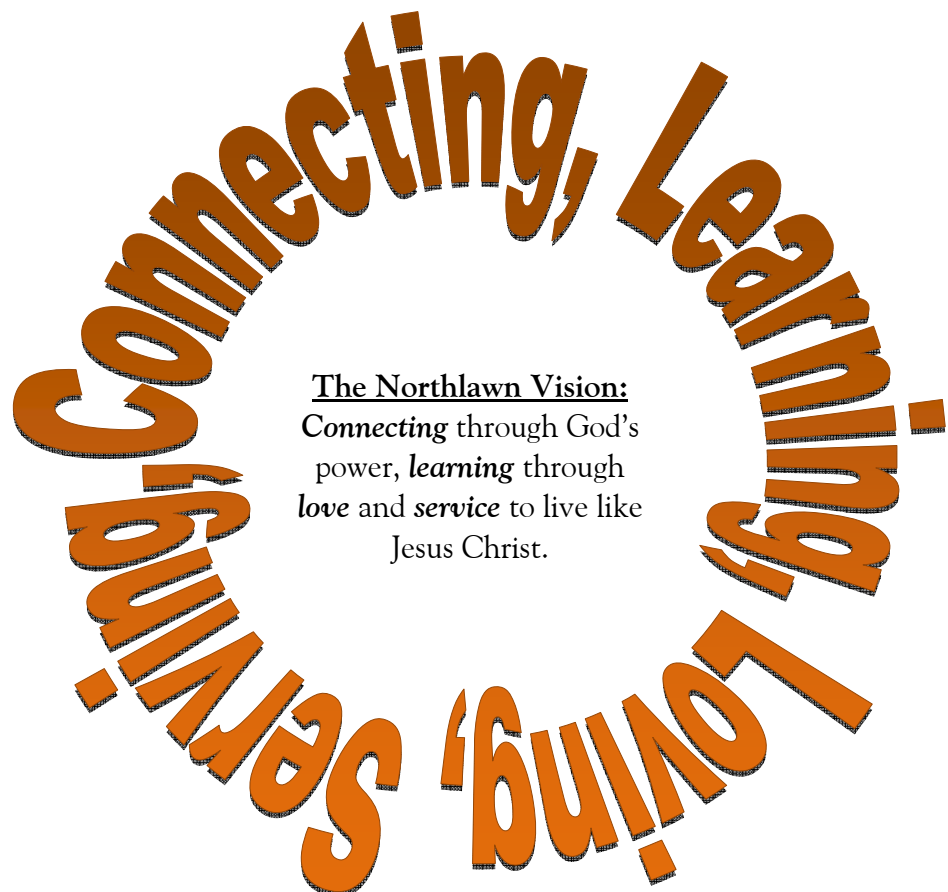
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**Prayer Corner**

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

- Rhea Glazier
- Elsie Montie
- Fran Hunt
- Dorothy Spaulding
- Dylan Gilmore
- Sally Wilkinson
- Barb Morton
- Ivan Mellema
- Thurlan Meredith
- Family of Bob Clawson
- Family of Alice VanDuine
- Family of Ray Grant



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