

White Pines UMC Vision

Called to **GROW, LOVE, and SERVE TOGETHER**

by

becoming God's people in Christ

who love with purpose, depth, and passion,

and practice faith as a welcoming spiritual community.

Ministry Notes

With Easter joy and power you are invited to grow spiritually through this congregation. Small house groups of people are forming who will meet through the end of May to pray, talk and seek God's direction for White Pines UMC. We all will use the book, Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations (Radical Hospitality; Passionate Worship; Intentional Faith Development; Risk-taking Mission and Service; and Extravagant Generosity). Indicate your interest to share in this experience on the Friendship Sheet by making and circling a star next to your name.

Thank you to Tammy Post for our Easter Flower arrangement!

Our Intercessory Prayer Team invites more people to participate. Prayer requests are received by filling out the green bulletin insert and placing them in the offering baskets. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Nancy VanderMeer.

Peanut-free zone—Due to a life-threatening peanut allergy in our congregation we are a peanut-free zone for all snacks and refreshments. Thank you for honoring this when you provide food.

Our Community Presence

Our Welcome Center/Office is located at 2350 Belmont Center Drive-Suite 300, across Jupiter Avenue from the Wolverine World Wide Family YMCA and three doors down from BC Pizza.

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EASTER Sunday **Order of Worship-March 23, 2008**

Welcome and Introduction

Peace Prayer

Opening Songs

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"He Lives"

"The Day of Resurrection"

Message

"We've Got Some Explaining To Do"

Matthew 28:1-10 (page 758)

Acts 10:34-43 (page 845)

Children's Choir

"So Fill My Cup"

Offering

"Morning Has Broken"

Call to Prayer

"Because He Lives"

Responsive Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, 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. Amen.

Community Life and Mission

Closing Song

"Celebrate Jesus"

Sending Forth

Restrooms are next to the outside Gym doors behind the GROW, LOVE, SERVE banners, and to the right as you leave the Gym the way you entered.

Stewardship Notes

3-16-08

Present in Worship	65
Offering—in service	\$793.80
—electronic funds transfer	\$670.00
Strong Kids To Date	\$662.00
Easter flowers	\$22.20
Shamrock Cookie Bake – North	
Kent Service Center donation	\$65.00

Stewardship Thought: What does the Bible have to say about Stewardship? If we mean by Stewardship that one has the responsibility of managing what belongs to someone else then it begins at the beginning of the Bible. Genesis 1:23-31 is the story of God's creation of male and female. God blessed them and the first thing God said to them was "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." Stewardship means being responsible for what belongs to God...A major part of Stewardship ministry is to help redeem the creation of generosity God placed in each of us...Did you know that the Bible uses the word 'give' three times more than the word 'love'? (adapted from United Methodist Giving News)

Your Financial Gifts: *We understand the offering to be God's people giving God's money for God's purposes in God's world.* Thank you for giving your gifts out of generosity and joy. Please make checks payable to "White Pines UMC." Electronic funds transfer is also available for you to fulfill your financial commitment. See Pastor Jeff or Dana Sakoski (Financial Secretary) for an authorization form.

Prayer Notes

Requests (green sheets) received with approval will be listed in the printed bulletin for three weeks for your prayers during worship or throughout the week. The Intercessory Prayer Team meets each week after worship. Contact Nancy Vander Meer for more details.

Worship Notes

"Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!" The horror and sin of humanity was exhausted on the Cross, drained of its ultimate power to separate us from God and each other. The joy of this and every day is that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. The Easter story does not, however, move on its own. The power of the Resurrection moves us, and moves through us to the world. We have some explaining to do about the difference God makes in our lives and what it means to feel the presence of the risen Christ. We explain Easter by how we live and treat each other, and the risks we take to love in Jesus' name.

May you feel the power of forgiveness and new life as God's gift to you today. Experience Easter in the present tense and share in the way God opened for all of us to be reconciled and healed through Jesus Christ.

If you are looking for a church to call home, I want to be your pastor and invite you to consider White Pines UMC your church family. Why not take the next step of faith today?

Peace, Pastor Jeff

Congregational Life in the Near Future
 (meetings are at the Welcome Center unless otherwise noted)

Sunday, 03-23

Easter!!

10:00 – 11:00 AM Worship
 NO Sunday School, Prayer, Pastor Chat after worship
 NO Youth Group Meetings

Monday, 03-24

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Administration Team Meeting

Tuesday, 03-25

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Men's Group

Saturday, 03-29

8:30 AM – 5:30 PM YMCA Staff Training
 4:00 PM Bowling at Miracle Lanes
 5:00 – 6:00 PM Worship Set Up

Sunday, 03-30

10:00 – 11:00 AM Worship
 After worship Sunday School, Prayer, Pastor Chat
 4:00 – 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group
 6:00 – 8:00 PM Senior High Youth Group

Saturday, 04-05

5:00 – 6:00 PM Worship Set Up

Servants are known by dedication to their mission and just plain hard work. Thank you, Set Up Team and worship leaders, for your loving service. We all benefit from your dedication. There is always more room for more servants. Please indicate your interest to serve on the sign up sheets at the Hospitality Table.

We praise God for children in worship! A basic commitment of our congregation is welcoming children and making room for them during worship. The carpet is for younger children and the surrounding chairs are for their parents and family. When older children are on the carpet we consider them White Pines ambassadors who model attentive behavior.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, 5/18 Teacher/Coach/Instructor Appreciation
 Worship at the YMCA
- Friday, 6/13 –
 Saturday, 6/14 Relay for Life—Comstock Park
- June 21-28 **NEW** Operation NOAH mission to New Orleans
- July 21-24; 28-31 Music and Drama Camp
- Thursday, 7/31 Children's Musical
- Sunday, 8/3 Children's Musical
- Friday, 8/15 –
 Sunday, 8/17 Family Camp