

# Memorial UMC Lenten-Easter Offering 2021

*Just a little talk with Jesus and your \$\$\$ ...*



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 21</b> <i>Matthew 4:1-11</i></p> <p>What is tempting or distracting you from getting started on your Lenten journey? Ask Jesus to help you set that aside today.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. "Noisy Offering" for Heifer International.</p>	<p><b>22</b> <i>Bay College Campus Meal</i></p> <p>Today we're preparing a meal for students at Bay College as part of the Campus Ministry. Memorial's General Fund covers the cost and volunteers make it happen. Pray for the students.</p>	<p><b>23</b> <i>Walk for Warmth</i></p> <p>What temperature is your thermostat set to? Could you give that many \$\$\$ to Walk for Warmth to help local folks with heat bills? Could you <i>walk today in the church gym</i> or outside and ask others to sponsor you?</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Knit &amp; Crochet</i></p> <p>The Wednesday morning Knit &amp; Crochet group is making military helmet liners. Pray for the women and men who will wear these liners and pray for peace.</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Walk for Warmth</i></p> <p>What's the temperature outside today? Could you give that many \$\$\$ to Walk for Warmth? Could you sponsor someone who is walking this week? Pray for those who don't have heat today. <i>Walk in church gym today.</i></p>	<p><b>26</b> <i>Ministry Share Friday</i></p> <p>We pay "Ministry Shares" out of our General Fund. Those \$\$\$ support ministry of the United Methodist Church across our Michigan Conference and around the world. Find out more at: <a href="http://michiganumc.org">michiganumc.org</a></p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Just a little talk ...</i></p> <p>Look back over this week. Is there anything you still need to do this first week of your Lenten journey with Jesus? What troubles, doubts or fears do you want to share? What thanks and praise?</p>
<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 28</b> <i>John 3:1-17</i></p> <p>What question do you have for Jesus? Is there something you think you understand that you may need to rethink with Jesus' guidance? Take time to sit with this today. Keep your eyes, ears, and heart open this week.</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>UMCOR</i></p> <p>The United Methodist Committee on Relief comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for the most vulnerable. Pray for the lives touched by UMCOR ministries today.</p>	<p><b>2</b> <i>Praise Team</i></p> <p>Tuesdays we often rehearse and record for worship. The General Fund pays our staff musician, buys music, and covers licensing fees so we have music for worship. Ministry Share \$\$\$ created our UM Hymnal, songbooks, and other worship materials. Sing or listen to a favorite worship song today.</p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>UMCOR</i></p> <p>2020's Atlantic hurricane season produced 30 named storms and 13 hurricanes – the most ever recorded in a season. UMCOR keeps responding. Could you add \$\$\$ to your offering for each hurricane, or each named storm?</p>	<p><b>4</b> <i>MUMC Missions</i></p> <p>Our Missions Committee meets via Zoom today. They allocate the undesignated mission \$\$\$ you give and coordinate our work in local ministries like HATI, food pantries, Venison Project, etc. Pray for the Missions work we'll do today. How may Jesus be asking you to be part of it?</p>	<p><b>5</b> <i>Ministry Share Friday</i></p> <p>Memorial UMC belongs to the Northern Skies District—all of the U.P. and a bit of the "tip" of the mitt. Together we 53 congregations make ministry happen and encourage and support each other. Pray for our District Supt. Rev. Scott Harmon today.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Just a little talk ...</i></p> <p>Look back over this week. Is there anything you still need to do this week of your Lenten journey with Jesus? What troubles, doubts or fears do you want to share? What thanks and praise?</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 7</b> <i>John 4:7-29,39</i></p> <p>Who do you avoid meeting or talking to? Is there a way you might start a conversation this week? Ask Jesus to help you be open to having a talk with someone you might otherwise pass by. Be ready to listen.</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>MUMC Finance</i></p> <p>Our Finance Committee meets via Zoom today. They oversee the church finances, encourage faithful giving and stewardship, and make sure the bills get paid. Pray for the Finance work we'll do today. How may Jesus be asking you to be part of it?</p>	<p><b>9</b> <i>UMCOR</i></p> <p>Water, sanitation and hygiene, known as "WASH", are essential for good health and well-being. UM Global Ministries supports WASH programs worldwide, providing direct help through UMCOR. Whenever you use water today, give thanks.</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>Share Your Story</i></p> <p>After talking with Jesus, the Samaritan woman at the well went back to her village to share her story. Who needs to hear a story of your experience with Jesus today?</p>	<p><b>11</b> <i>In the Office</i></p> <p>We keep the church office open M-Th, 9am-2pm. General Fund \$\$\$ keep heat and lights on, run computers and copy machine, and pay staff, to name a few costs. Say a prayer for Lisa. Make a call, send an email, or drop a note, and add \$\$\$ to your offering to say thanks.</p>	<p><b>12</b> <i>Ministry Share Friday</i></p> <p>Ministry Shares fund our Michigan Bishop's Office. Four of the 34 women bishops of the UMC came from Michigan, including the first female bishop ever, Marjorie Matthews, elected in 1980. Pray for Bishop David Bard, our current bishop.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Just a little talk ...</i></p> <p>Look back over this week. Is there anything you still need to do this week of your Lenten journey with Jesus? What troubles, doubts or fears do you want to share? What thanks and praise?</p>

<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 14</b> <i>John 8:2-11</i></p> <p>It's so easy to judge others. Take time this week to really pay attention to any accusations you make. What would Jesus, as you experience him in today's reading, have to say about it?</p> <p>As you pray the Lord's Prayer this week, linger on the phrase, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."</p>	<p><b>Pay Day 15</b></p> <p>Your contributions to the General Fund help to pay for the pastor's salary, as well as health care benefits, a pension contribution, and a place to live. (Thank you!)</p> <p>Your contributions also pay for our staff treasurer, who makes sure everyone else gets paid. Add \$\$\$ to your offering in appreciation for the work of our pastor and treasurer.</p>	<p><b>God's Country Cooperative Parish 16</b></p> <p>We support the ministry of God's Country Cooperative Parish through Ministry Shares and our own mission giving. Pastor Jackie Roe is the director and Randy Hildrebrant is the church and community worker missionary there.</p> <p>Learn more about the ministry: <a href="http://gccp-umc.org">gccp-umc.org</a> and pray for it today.</p>	<p><b>UMCOR 17</b></p> <p>The Sager Brown Depot is the hub of UMCOR's relief-supply operations. Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers prepare about \$5 million in supplies, including school kits, cleaning buckets, and hygiene kits to ship from the Baldwin, Louisiana facility.</p> <p>How much do you spend a month on cleaning supplies? Could you add equal \$\$\$ to your offering?</p>	<p><b>Look Back/Look Ahead 18</b></p> <p>Did you get a new photo directory yet? Our Membership Care Committee helped make that possible.</p> <p>Look up someone older than you and give them a call just to say "hi!"</p> <p>Look up someone younger than you and do the same thing.</p> <p><i>Bonus Points:</i> Be brave and call someone you don't know well.</p>	<p><b>Ministry Share Friday 19</b></p> <p>District ministry shares help fund Camp Michigamme, a wonderful place for children, families, and adults to have a memorable "little talk with Jesus." 2021 registration is <i>open!</i></p> <p>Look over the schedule and see if you, or someone you know, may want to go to camp this year. <a href="http://campmichigamme.org">campmichigamme.org</a></p>	<p><b>Just a little talk ... 20</b></p> <p>Look back over this week. Is there anything you still need to do this week of your Lenten journey with Jesus?</p> <p>What troubles, doubts or fears do you want to share? What thanks and praise?</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 21</b> <i>Mark 14:1-11</i></p> <p>You've heard it said, "actions speak louder than words."</p> <p>Take time today to plan a "conversation" you want to have this week to express your love of Jesus with your actions, rather than your words.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. "Noisy Offering" for Heifer International.</p>	<p><b>Remember Confirmation? 22</b></p> <p>A little over a month ago 10 youth were confirmed as new members. We promised to "surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God ..."</p> <p>Send a card to one of the new confirmands to keep your promise and encourage their faith.</p>	<p><b>UMCOR 23</b></p> <p>Rev. Jack Amick is Director of Global Migration and Interim Team Lead of Int'l Disaster Relief. Jack is from Michigan and has served with UMCOR since 2013.</p> <p>Pray for Jack and for the staff and volunteers on the frontlines of UMCOR ministries.</p> <p>Read about their work at: <a href="http://umcmmission.org/umcor-news-stories/">umcmmission.org/umcor-news-stories/</a></p>	<p><b>Quilters 24</b></p> <p>Our Quilting Group keeps on making quilts "to warm the body and soul," of local folks in need. One person's initiative and skill became a group ministry.</p> <p>Prayerfully consider how your skills and know-how could become ministry. Take a first step toward acting on your prayer.</p>	<p><b>What'd We Miss? 25</b></p> <p>Is there something Memorial UMC does that inspires you? Write about it here and give \$\$\$ to support it:</p> <p>Let the office know what you wrote about and we may highlight it in an upcoming Newsletter.</p>	<p><b>Ministry Share Friday 26</b></p> <p>Part of our Ministry Shares help with education, helping fund our Africa University, 11 U.S. historically Black colleges, 13 UM seminaries, and Wesley Foundation ministries on college campuses.</p> <p>Give thanks for whatever education you have and pray for students learning at UM-related schools, colleges, and seminaries, then add \$\$\$ to your offering.</p>	<p><b>Just a little talk ... 27</b></p> <p>Look back over these five weeks. Is there anything you still need to do before we enter into Holy Week on your journey with Jesus toward Easter?</p> <p>What troubles, doubts or fears do you want to share? What thanks and praise?</p> <p><i>Remember to turn in your Lenten-Easter offering, and thanks for your faithful generosity.</i></p>

Dear Friends,

This year, all our special **Lenten-Easter offerings** will be split 50-50 between the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** and our **General Operating fund at Memorial Church**. We hope this Offering Calendar from the First Sunday of Lent until Palm Sunday, will help you reflect on the amazing ministry and missions that we accomplish together through the work of UMCOR and Memorial UMC. The Sunday Bible readings are what we will be using in worship in our Lenten Series, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus," focusing on conversations folks have with Jesus in the gospels. May God bless your Lenten journey.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Cathy