### PRAYER REQUESTS

CHUCK MIESCH JOHN MILLER CAROL FERGUSON LINDSEY BRONOLD ETTA PROEBER KENT DYKEMA KEVIN DAWSON CLAIR & MARY SLOAN BONITA WHELPLEY JEAN WEEKS ED REITSMA LARRY SNIDER DOLORES BAUER PHYLLIS BEGGS ARNOLD MARCIA WALSWORTH ERIN STEVENS KIM WILLIAMS

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OUR MISSIONS IN HONDURAS
MUSKEGON RESCUE MISSION
REACH THE FORGOTTEN
MINISTRIES
THE LADDER, SHELBY
HUNGRY FOR CHRIST
OUR MISSIONARIES IN INDONESIA
LOVE INC
THE LOST AND THE LONELY

Wesley insisted, however, that evangelical faith should manifest itself in evangelical living. He spelled out this expectation in the three-part formula of the Rules:

"It is therefore expected of all who continue therein that they should continue to evidence their desire of salvation,

First: By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind;

Secondly: By doing good of every possible sort, and, as far as possible, to all

Thirdly: By attending upon all the ordinances of God."

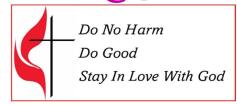


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# MEARS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH April 14, 2024 THOSE CRAZY PARABLES: "EVEN UGLY LAMPS



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Greetings and Announcements
Breathing in God's Grace
Call to Worship —
The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Doxology

Opening Hymn:

Since Jesus Came Into My Heart FWS 2140
Opening Prayer & Prayer of Thanksgiving
Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Time with Pastor Bev

Hymn of Preparation: Are Ye Able UMH 530

The Apostles' Creed: UMH 881

Scripture: Mark 4:21-25

Message: Those Crazy Parables:

"Even Ugly Lamps Shine"

Closing Hymn: Open My Eyes UMH 454

Benediction & Going Forth

Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary.

~ Thank you for your gift! ~

### UPCOMING WORSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

as of April 14, 2024

### The Chosen

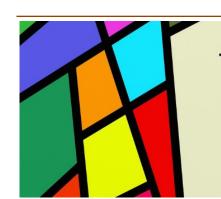
Showcasing Season 4 of The Chosen on Wednesday's from 4-5pm

# **Parking**

Please know that overflow parking is allowed at the Township offices and on the east lawn.

## Website

Did you know that you can request prayer and pray for someone on our website? We have a Prayer Wall in the "About Us" section.



Those Crazy Parables

New Sermon Series

April 7 - 28

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