



## GATHER FOR WORSHIP

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### Children's Church at 10:30 AM during Worship Service

All children preschool - 6th grade are welcome. Pastor Gary will dismiss them to the education wing for a Christ-centered experience geared for them. Please retrieve your children following the service.

### Cry Room and Nursery Care

Available during Sunday worship service for children 3 years old and under. Both are located in the education wing and the nursery is staffed by volunteers on a rotating schedule. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the nursery or if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Deana Schaffer at 989-576-1765.

### Assisted Listening System

A "Hearing Loop" is provided in this sanctuary for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use this service, please switch to "T".

## STAY CONNECTED

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**Senior Pastor:** Gary Simmons  
**Assistant to the Pastor:** Mark Monroe  
**Worship Leader:** Keegan Hartman

### Contact Pastor Gary

**Parsonage:** 989-875-3086  
**E-mail:** PastorGarySimmons@Gmail.com

### Questions to ask? Announcements to make?

**E-mail:** Connect@IthacaUMC.org  
**Phone:** 989-875-4313 (Leave a message)  
**Church Office:** Currently Unstaffed  
**Join the Prayer Chain:** Prayer@IthacaUMC.org

### Sermons, calendar, and much more online!

**Website:** www.IthacaUMC.org  
**FB & Insta:** @IthacaUnitedMethodistChurch  
**YouTube:** Ithaca UMC Worship

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Website



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Design Team Meeting

Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 PM in the church basement.

### Christmas Praise Event

Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 AM. A typical Sunday morning service becomes a special Christmas event full of music and children's participation.

### Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 5th at 5:30 PM in the church basement. Open to anyone who would like to attend and observe the discussion.

### Repurposing the Education Wing

Over the course of the next month or two, we'll be redefining our utilization of the Sunday School classrooms. If you'd be interested in helping out, call Joelle Gibson at 989-388-2830.



## FAITH@HOME

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**Small groups** are a great way to build authentic relationships with other Christ followers and dive deeper in discipleship. If you'd like to take this opportunity to grow in your faith and experience Christian camaraderie, we encourage you to join an existing small group or start one of your own. Please contact Mark Monroe at 989-506-7996 or Ken Gibson at 989-388-2831.

### Coming in January: "The Absolute Basics of the Christian Faith"

is a visual introduction to the core beliefs of the Christian faith. While it assumes no background knowledge of the scriptures or church teachings, this eight-week study is stocked with rich explanation and engaging videos that bring catechesis to life for people of all ages, backgrounds, and stops along their spiritual journey. Like all books, it is possible to read this one alone, but it is designed specifically to be studied in community — to lead small and large groups through the big ideas of the faith. In working through this study, you'll be binding the truth about God on your head, hands, and house through scripture memorization and by learning the answers to important questions about God. As you enter this study, let God's grace shape and change you. This is what it means to be a disciple.