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MICHIGAN CHURCH OF GOD



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Be Careful What You Lay Down



I work hard to arrive at the office each morning around 8:30 am for prayer. Without fail, after a few minutes in, my day and week begin flashing before my eyes. There's an email I need to send. A phone call I need to return. A note I need to write. And then there's the constant draw to our phones, social media platforms, and all the things. I'm convinced it's a tactic the enemy uses to distract us and keep us from praying.

A couple of weeks ago, it started happening. I sensed the Holy Spirit's gentle whisper. "Be careful what you lay down!" Obviously, He was alluding to my prayer time. Later that morning, I wrote these words in my journal.

"Too often I lay down what sustains me (prayer), only to pick up what drains me."

Let's think about it. How does prayer sustain us?

- Prayer reminds believers that they are not self-sufficient. By casting our cares on God (1 Peter 5:7) and acknowledging the need for daily bread and strength, it counters self-reliance and anxiety.

- Regular prayer, especially with Scripture, reshapes priorities and emotions. It fosters gratitude, which counters complaint or despair.

- When facing fatigue, temptation, conflict, or ordinary pressures, prayer is how we receive grace and the Spirit's help, giving us strength and endurance.

- In prayer, the Spirit gives us wisdom and guidance, helping us navigate the day.

I'm pretty sure we've all sacrificed what sustains us and picked up what drained us. But we can all agree it's a really bad trade.

I'm praying for you Michigan Church of God. May we all hold tightly to that which sustains us. The stuff that drains us can wait. Be careful what you lay down. I love you all!

**Blessings,
Bishop Leonhardt**



WHAT'S AHEAD IN MICHIGAN

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK
ON YOUR CALENDAR.



MINISTER'S

MICHIGAN COG



OCTOBER
8-9
2026

DEXTER
LAKE
BATTLE
CREEK

MEETING

YOUTH &
DISCIPLESHIP



ERICH D. LACKS

ADMINISTRATIVE
BISHOP



MARK LEONHARDT

EVANGELISM
DIRECTOR



RON SCHUBERT

STAY CONNECTED WITH
THE MICHIGAN COG
AND SEE WHAT'S
HAPPENING
THROUGHOUT THE
2026-2027 MINISTRY
YEAR.

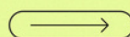


26-27 MCOG Calendar

2026

2027

State
calendar



WHAT'S HAPPENING





Mark Leonhardt
Admin. Bishop, Michigan COG



Kevin McGlamery
Lead Pastor, North Cleveland
COG



Ron Schubert
Evangelism Director
Michigan COG



Erich Lacks
Youth & Discipleship
Michigan COG

UPPER PENINSULA CAMP MEETING



26
SEPT

HARBOR
LIGHTS
CHURCH OF GOD
ESCANABA, MICHIGAN
9AM--12:30PM



'26 TOOLS Registration

CASA HOGAR
ALFA Y OMEGA

COMMISSIONED
January 5-12
TO GO
Matthew 28:19
MEXICO MISSIONS 2027

Register: michigancog.org/world-missions



JOIN
ALLORA LEONHARDT
FOR

Just breathe
MICHIGAN

FOR WOMEN PASTORS, PASTOR'S WIVES,
CREDENTIALLED WOMEN AND STAFF

*Women in Ministry
mentoring, sharing, and
encouraging one another*

7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom

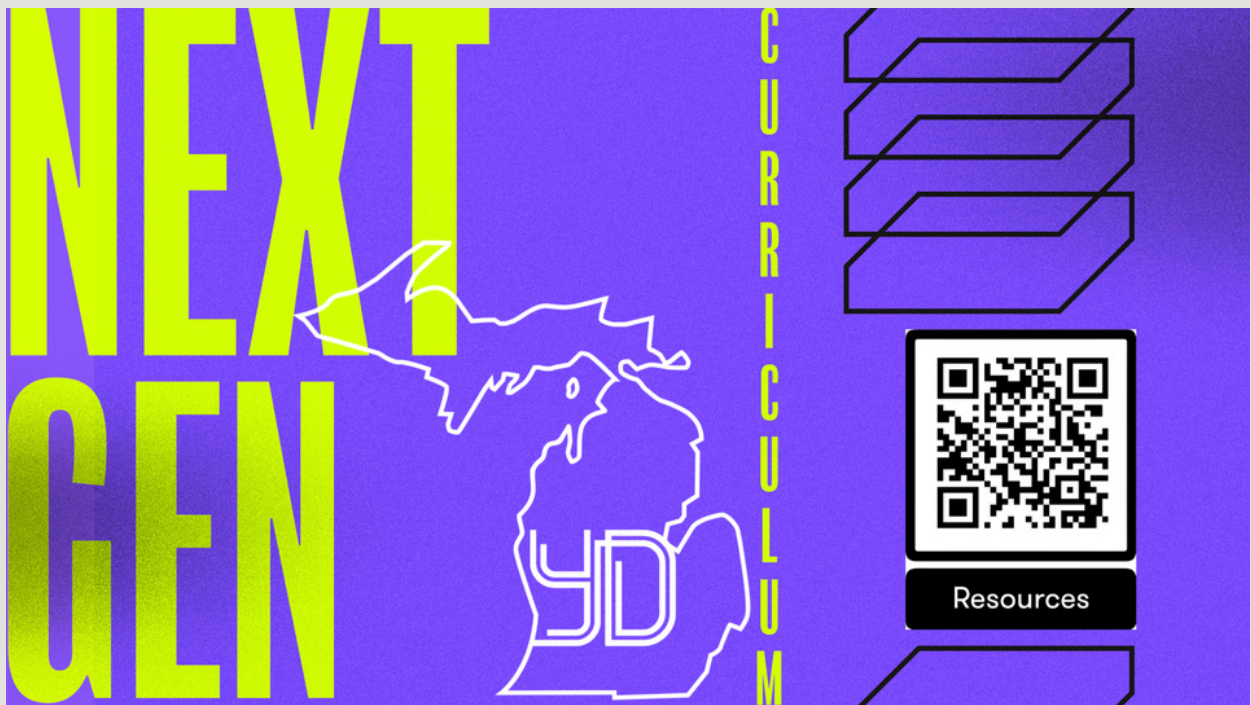
Oct. 26 and Nov. 16

Winter & Spring dates TBA

Zoom links will be emailed.

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YOUNG ADULTS ONE NIGHTS

September 18 – Dexter Lake, Battle Creek

November 20 – Church Alive, Kalkaska

Summer 2027 – Grace Point, Riverview

YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP

EVENTS AND NEXT GEN RESOURCES

Statewide Church Overview



JULY 2026 ATTENDANCE REPORT		
Church and Pastor	Tithes	Worship
Stewart Road Church of God, Mark Ingram	88,947.37	489
Grace Point Church, Jeff McNally, Jr.	20,888.00	204
Dexter Lake Church of God, Paul Tindall	51,134.00	176
The River, William E. Wahl	21,254.00	174
Power & Praise, Christopher Blankenship	9,223.82	152
Oak-Crest Church of God, Richard D. Rogers	31,646.78	150
LifePoint, Ronald Schubert	7,880.00	125
Kingdom Life Church of God, Steven Bishop	5,666.00	120
Durand Church of God, Mark Fernandez	11,245.00	118
The Point, Ellis Fortune	5,388.74	117
Abundant Life, Richard South	12,824.59	107
Victorious Life, Scott Weaver	33,716.00	106
International Church of God, Joy John	5,000.00	100
Hill Creek, Wesley Hunter	13,813.48	93
Family Worship, Eric Rogers	10,284.30	92
Family Life Center, Ryan Snyder	4,904.28	90
Upper Room Church of God, Alex Fernandez	6,456.00	88
Big Jackson, John McGhee	7,521.00	86
Walton Blvd Church of God, M. Tony Barbour	12,726.86	81
New Hope Community, Victor Williams	18,178.30	78
Restoration Pointe, Gregory Gitter	10,471.00	65
Redemption Outreach, Scott Tysick	7,000.00	65
Heritage Community Church, Adam Schultz	7,970.90	61
New Covenant, Ronald Jacobs II	2,045.30	60
Heritage Park, Robert Rennie	6,331.00	52
The Summit, Jim Morrison	5,943.00	52
Grand Haven, Nathan Strom	7,702.11	51
Central Church of God, Chris Johnson	4,335.00	51
Connection Point, Thomas E. Rea	5,573.66	50
Houghton Lake Church of God, Jacob Nicoletti	6,819.00	48
Lighthouse Church of God, Matthew West	5,792.95	48
North Point Worship Cntr, Michael B. Arp	8,406.00	45
Highest Praise, Wesley Starr	3,904.50	40
Redemption Place, Deborah Leshner	5,001.60	38
Victory Temple, Dennis Wick	4,909.25	38
Holly Church of God, Eugene Blankenship	4,872.00	38
Family Tabernacle, Jeffrey Howard	3,549.00	37
Hope Community Church, Glenn Gilman	4,825.84	36
Revival Center, Greg Casto	3,102.00	35
Family Life Worship, Charles Kiesgen	1,973.00	35
Strong Tower, Doug Trudell	1,230.00	35
Kalkaska, Church Alive, David Morrison Jr.	4,995.47	31
Lapeer Church of God, Dakota Leming	5,495.00	30
New Harvest	4,929.00	30
Cornerstone, Warren R. Davis	210.00	30
Christian Church for all Nations, Danielle Andre	2,927.81	27
Faith Chapel, Betty Marlow	130.00	26
Harvest International, Frederick Nichols	5,215.70	25
Harrison Church of God, Willis Pilman	3,231.00	25
Sandusky Church of God, Jeffrey Noble	3,097.60	23
Renew Church, Justin Candela	2,417.26	22
Faith Community, Curtis Ashmore	2,022.00	22

Sebewa, Thomas Jablonski	2,677.05	20
Garden City Church of God, John H Stamper, III	2,208.00	20
Lighthouse Village, Anthony M. Fields	1,489.00	19
Fountain of Praise, Debra Schilling	4,280.00	17
Crossroads Church of God, Daniel W Blankenship	2,890.00	16
Lawton Church of God, David R. Cripps	3,198.00	15
New Hope Ministries, J. Ron Dunn	2,513.50	13
Trinity Church of God, Mark Wellhousen	4,170.00	12
Trenton, Donald Drews	2,024.00	12
Hastings Church of God, Jeremy Singleton	788.60	11
Zeeland Church of God, Brandon Arp	567.25	10
Lake Orion Church of God, William S. Curnell	470.00	8
House of Hope God's House, Tom Coppens	740.00	7
Inland Lighthouse, Darius Walden	240.00	6
No Limits Ministries, Robert Renfro	1,961.00	5
Clinton Church of God, Gary Adams	4,197.00	0
Living Word, Frankie Lucas	2,750.00	0
Andrus Street Church of God	N/R	0
City Church, Steve Totten	N/R	0
Flat Rock Church of God, James Williams	N/R	0
Genesee Rd Church of God, Vaughn Eller	N/R	0
Harbor Lights, Anthony Morrison	N/R	0
Harvest Intern'l Min., Michael Czarnik	N/R	0
Lighthouse Worship, Roger Fleming	N/R	0
Living Word, Jephtha Bryant	N/R	0
Ray of Light, Mary Hoots	N/R	0
Redford Church of God, Shirley Stafford	N/R	0
Riverhills Church Detroit, Ryan Sharpe	N/R	0
Sheridan Church of God	N/R	0
Solid Rock, Wayne Ramey	N/R	0
The Church, Nick Heine	N/R	0
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