



# First Life

news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

March 2018

# Lent



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**Deadline for the April issue** is **March 20**, Please submit your articles to our office by that time. The late due date allows for more timely information but *requires your cooperation.*

### Our Mission:

**Believe:** *We Know Christ*

**Belong:** *We love Christ*

**Become:** *We serve Christ*

*The people of First United Methodist Church Ferndale believe in Christ, belong to Christ, and strive to become like Christ.*

# The View From Here

monthly reflections from Rev. Bob

## *Twenty-four Hours in Lent*

The Saturday memorial service was held in a hotel conference room with guests sitting at tables and steamers of food distracting us with their scents. Yet it was strangely appropriate as family scurried around setting up, while a slide show of the woman's long life blinked by overhead. Samples of her handiwork, including quilts and beautiful wedding dresses, graced the room. After all, she had given birth to nine children who survived, so life couldn't have been entirely smooth and definitely not quiet in that house. The service started 40 minutes late with music from a brass quintet, not quiet but beautiful.

You could tell the first trumpet wasn't entirely familiar with "In the Garden," but we all sang it because it was her favorite. Later in the service the brass quintet played, "Summertime, and the livin' is easy." That too was a favorite and seemed right. She enjoyed her life and her nine children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her favorite text was, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," and it appeared she learned it and lived it well and passed it on. I took that as my text for the day, and it became my text for the next 24 hours. You see, I had been sought out online to conduct this service because our congregation is a Reconciling Church, and one of her grandsons is gay, so those making the arrangements wanted to respect that and wanted a minister who would honor that too. Love your neighbor as yourself, whoever that neighbor is. Even your son and grandson. Especially them.

Against my conventional judgment, I took a phone call before class on Sunday morning. A homeless man whose girl friend had been arrested, then hospitalized, needed a couple of nights in a motel until he could get back with her when she got out. I told him I couldn't see him before noon and to come by after that, wondering if he really would follow up and show up. Love your neighbor as yourself. Who is my neighbor?

Meanwhile a church family needed assistance with rent, so the necessary paperwork and communications were done and the family could breathe a little easier, at least for this month. Each month brings different challenges. Love your neighbor ...

At Coffee Hour another person who regularly needs help had good news. A new job, starting today! But he needed bus fare to get there. Fortunately, thanks to the recent generosity of church givers, I had laid in a good supply of bus passes. We could help with that but not with his ex-wife's plan to keep him from seeing his children. Kids get caught in the middle when there are power plays and mind games. Love gets lost sometimes.

A homeless couple came by. We've seen them at Community Dinner from time to time. They didn't need money but wondered if we had blankets. They had gotten soaked sleeping outside the night before. He sat with his head in his hands while she tagged along after me as I made three false starts before finally finding the key to the Clothes Closet. It looked futile until I happened to look up and see a large paper bag on top of a rack. In it were two blankets! Amazing!

And then the morning caller showed up. He was a gentle giant whose feet were breaking through his shoes in several spots, who just needed a place to lay his head out of the weather for a couple of nights. Since I knew there was still money on the gift debit card that had been donated to our HELP Fund, I told him we could help, but the only place that would take him in without a state photo ID was on the east side. So I agreed to drive him over to the east side. Do we have any shoes? I don't

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know, let's look. Nothing even close to his size 13s. He had to settle for the plastic bags we gave him to put over his falling-apart shoes. If he comes back again, we'll get him some new ones. I didn't think of it in the moment, sadly.

Fortunately, the weather was warm enough for us to open the car windows as we drove to the east side. Wet, long-unwashed socks and rotting shoes can trigger some strong gag reflexes. Jill carried on a loving conversation with him while I drove, being sure not to miss the place. Unfortunately, the seedy, run-down motel's old machine rejected the debit card, even though I had checked the balance an hour earlier. Ah, but the same owner has a better place about a mile down with a newer machine! Try there. So we went farther east with the same result at the other slightly better seedy, run-down motel. We ended up using our own card, hoping we could get reimbursed before we went into deficit waiting for pay day. It all worked out for all of us.

While this was not a typical 24 hours, it wasn't all that unusual either. So what does all of this have to do with Lent? Maybe nothing, maybe much. The world is full of crosses, and there are plenty of people bearing them. They come in all shapes and sizes and at different times in our lives. Sometimes we need help bearing them.

I know that Jesus was referring to people who would suffer because they were unashamedly following him. That's what he meant when he said, "Take up your cross ..." But maybe loving our neighbor and taking up Jesus' cross means being with the people whose very lives are often a cross, the very people who heard Jesus gladly because no one else was listening to them.

Thank God for a congregation that believes in helping with crosses.

*Bob*

### ***Air Conditioning Update***

**Air Conditioning Project:** We will be air conditioning our main sanctuary by Summer, a project that was authorized by our Administrative Council in 2016. A contractor has been selected by our Board of Trustees. *We need to be able to worship in our sanctuary year round, to provide the comfort that people today expect in a public building, to be able to rent our facility all year, and to be able to host major events even in the summer.* To date we have raised over **\$14,700** toward the amount. The Trustees have accepted a bid and installation should begin soon. Contributions are still very welcome while the project is underway. You may choose to give regularly toward the goal or to provide one major gift; any amount is welcome! *Please do not hold back; **the more we raise now, the less we will have to borrow!*** (We voted to borrow from our own reserves in order to maintain total control over the project.)



Children's Time  
with Pastor Bob

### ***We are a Reconciling Congregation, which means:***

*The people of Ferndale First United Methodist Church are called to share God's love as we minister with and to all persons, providing worship, nurture, fellowship, and service. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, family configuration, and economic condition, physical or mental ability. We embrace and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation. We cooperate in ministry with other local churches and groups of God's people as we participate in the worldwide mission of Christ. (based on 2 Corinthians 5.18)*

### ***We are a Sanctuary***

**Church.** *Our Church Council voted to be a church where a family of immigrants and/or refugees could be housed temporarily in an emergency to prevent them from being deported or separated. This is a major step in the life of our congregation, so we have been hard at work preparing an apartment/hospitality room for guests. Thanks to Karen King, Kathy Arcese and Jill Warren who have put their purchasing and decorating skills to good use. (Meanwhile 7 of our members have received sanctuary training, others attended an informational meeting and more information is available online from Michigan United, [www.miunited.org](http://www.miunited.org))*

# Worship at Ferndale First

## Worship at Ferndale First UMC in March \*

March this year takes us through Lent all the way to Palm-Passion Sunday. Easter is coming and it's not that far away! Texts this month remind us of Jesus' way to the cross and the darkness that sometimes settles on the world when his way is ignored. But we also experience Christ's life in each mini-Easter during the Sundays of Lent.

**March 4 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent;** Paul looks at the church in Corinth and reminds them and us that the so-called “respectable” ways of the rest of the world don't necessarily square with what Jesus calls us to be and do. Likewise, Jesus' tearing up the temple doesn't seem like the behavior of an appropriately behaved Messiah. Message: *Our Crazy God*, 1 Corinthians 1.18–31 and John 2.13–22.

**March 11 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent;** Jesus said, “God so loved the world ...” and those words have been used and abused, but what Jesus said right after that may be even more important, when he talks about light and darkness and which we choose. Message: *The Light of the Son*, John 3.14–21. **Spring time change; spring forward one hour!**

**March 18 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent;** Jeremiah and Isaiah both speak strong and comforting words that lift up those who we might call “handicapped.” Both of them insist that people like that will lead the way in God's plan for restoring the world. And Jesus' words about his own death have a unique way of tying us all together. Message: *Road to Wholeness*, Jeremiah 31.7–9, Isaiah 35, and John 12.20–33.

**March 25 – Palm-Passion Sunday;** departing from recent years, we will not be having a Reader's Theater dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative. We will, however, have a two-part service, The Service of the Palms and The Service of the Passion, culminating in the Message: *Do a Beautiful Thing*, verses from Mark 14 and 15, especially highlighting the women who stayed with Jesus to the end. *Kids Choir* will sing and there will be a *Procession of Palms*. We will also have *Holy Communion* and *Anointing with Oil*.

*Who would you like to invite to worship with you next Sunday? (65–85% of all people who attend a church for the first time come because they were invited by a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative.)*

\* All messages subject to change with circumstances or possible vacation Sundays.



Teddy Bear Sunday where we received over 100 Teddy Bears to be donated to Orchard Children's Service.

## Serving in March

### Liturgists

4-Sam Carter  
11-Bob Porter  
18-Richard Fowler  
25-Bloesel Gordon

### Ushers

Liz Nasser  
Milzie Murdock  
Mollie Monroe

### Coffee Hour

4-Churchill's & Polzin's  
11-James & Kathy Shuller  
18-*Volunteer Needed*  
25-Bob & Mary Lenaway

### Counters

(additional Counter needed; contact Karen King)

Karen King  
Kathy Arcese  
Natalie Baeckeroot

### Greeters:

Verdell Bell, Annie Mitchell  
18-Margaret Churchill

**Ushers Needed.** We need a few additional ushers. We can work out a schedule that will fit your needs. If you are willing to serve the church in this way, please see Liz Nasser or Richard Churchill.

**Greeters needed:** We need people to be by the red door to greet people each Sunday morning. Would you be interested? If so, Margaret Churchill would love to hear from you for 2018. Contact her at (248)547-5769.

## FLOWERS, FLOWERS,

**FLOWERS!!** This is just a reminder that all are invited to celebrate, honor and remember special people and occasions by dedicating the weekly altar floral arrangements. If you are interested in selecting a Sunday to "sponsor" the altar arrangement, please contact the office and let them know, or sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. What a wonderful way to beautify our service and make someone feel special! The cost is \$15.00 for each arrangement.



# Mission and Outreach

## Community Dinners Continue

A time to come together as a community in fellowship and enjoy a delicious, nutritious meal. **Free.** No reservations required. The last Wednesday of every month.

**Next Dinners:** March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26

If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up or cooking the meal, please see the sign-up sheets on the stand-alone bulletin board in the social hall or **please contact Mary Lenaway (248)229-5685. Cost can be reimbursed.**

Thank you, Mary and everyone who helps!

**The Clothes Closet** is also open until 7:00 pm on Community Dinner nights and is located in Room 105 at the end of the lower level hall.

## Community Card & Game Night

### Ferndale First United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16,

5:30pm – 9:30pm (Social Hall) (room subject to change)

Everyone is welcomed (family & friends) to attend this opportunity to come together over a social event of cards and other table games. **Everyone attending is encouraged to bring finger foods, chips, pop, juice, etc. Pizza will be ordered based on number of participants and interest.**

**Note:** Interest in games/cards will be determined by those attending. *For the use of the room, a recommendation of \$5.00 for those who are able to contribute.* **For further information or questions, please contact Larry at (248)397-8065.**

**This is a home line which cannot receive text messages.**

## Coffee Hour

Hi Everyone,

Well, we made it to March, but we changed from snow and sleet to lots of rain. Plus, lots of pot holes. Will we ever be happy?

We still need people to sign up for Coffee Hours, and we would like to see new faces. The church will reimburse you for funds spent on what you purchase. You can bring pastries, fruits, veggies, etc. The church supplies the coffee and tea.

Just a reminder: if you are doing a meal, please still note it on the Calendar.

Happy St. Patrick's Day.



Thank you in advance,  
Sheila Colvin,  
Coffee Hour Coordinator



# Worship, Music and Fine Arts

## Music and Meditation, Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

A half-hour of thoughtful musical reflection followed by a light meal.

Our musical artists are as follows:

March 12, Sue Ho

March 19, Joe Rush & The Lady Achievers Choir from Detroit School of the Arts.

## March Birthdays



- 1 – Jamie Schmidt
- 1 – Drayton Vivier
- 5 – Hannah Shomo
- 6 – James Nicholls
- 7 – Roosevelt Sims
- 12 – Patricia Lind
- 12 – Donna Siegmund
- 12 – AnDrea R. Nagy
- 12 – Jacob Sines
- 15 – Patricia West
- 19 – Mya Riccardi
- 23 – Adam Breach
- 24 – Nick Zulick
- 25 – Frances Schlottman
- 26 – Rick Alan Churchill
- 27 – Juanita Muller
- 29 – Eleanor Lemelin
- 30 – Phyllis Turner
- 31 – Matthew Nahan
- 31 – Ruth Clarke



## Anniversaries

- 9 – Matt & Rebecca Price
- 9 – Daniel & Julianne Fuller



## Newsletters by Snail Mail

**If you get a hard copy of this newsletter but would like to receive it by e-mail, please let us know your email address. We have discontinued mailing most, except homebound and those without internet who request hard copies, so we encourage you to send us an email address for yourself or a family member or friend who can print it for you. A very limited number of printed newsletters continue to be available at the church. We are using sensible stewardship of our resources. Please contact our office if you need to continue receiving a hard copy via Postal Service. Otherwise we will assume you get it via email or pick up a copy at church.**

# Christian Education

## ***Hello Families!!!***

Every Thursday at 4:30pm, kids from age 4 to 7. Bible Stories, Songs, Snack, Craft  
First United Methodist of Ferndale/Education Wing/Room 205.

Contact the teachers for any questions! We would love to have you!

Ms. Alison Hastings, 248-268-4616  
Ms. Kathy Arcese, 248-635-5919  
Ms. Natalie Baeckeroot, 248-739-0857



## ***Reversing Runaway Inequality Workshop***

Saturday, March 31, 10am-3pm at FUMCF.

FUMCF is presenting a Workshop based on the best selling book "Runaway Inequality". The nuts and bolts workshop provides an opportunity to learn more about developing successful grassroots campaigns for social and economic justice. This training is a solutions-oriented guide to the wide-ranging problems associated with economic inequality in the U.S.

You will:

- Learn skills to create effective campaigns and actions
- Explore the historical context for social justice movements and contemporary organizing
- Develop concrete tools you can use in your work.

To register call 248-545-4467(church office)

# The United Methodist Women

Dear Sisters in Christ!

As these winter months slowly go by, let us be thankful for the snow and sometimes the sunshine that comes with it. It is still a joy to know that we, as United Methodist Women, can face whatever comes our way as long as God is in it. Remember, we are turning faith, hope and love into action.

A big thank you to all those who attended the UMW Renaissance District Prayer Breakfast on February 10, 2018, which was held at Orchard UMC in Farmington Hills. Due to the weather, there were some members who were committed but unable to attend. The next event will be a workshop at Clawson UMC on Saturday, March 10, 2018. If anyone is interested, please see Liz, Alison or Blasel for more information. There is a deadline for registration. A small fee will be charged. Also, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, First UMC of Warren will be hosting their Lenten Breakfast. It is a free program. If you are interested, please let anyone of the UMW officers know. (By the way, there is a deadline for this event.)

Our next UMW meeting will be held on 3/12/2018 instead of 3/19/2018. Our "Women in Red" program is on 3/18/2018, and there are decisions to be made regarding this event. We need each and every one to attend so we can be prepared for this grand evening. Invite your friends and neighbors to come out and support this program. We are about mission, and each and every one is included.

Sisters still meet on Mondays at 12 noon. We are having a great time with our Bible Studies. Let us keep the sick and shut-ins, those who are away for the winter and even those we see every day in our prayers. God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.

Blessings  
Blasel Gordon, Vice President

Pastor's Bible Study

 VideoClass

**Lenten Video Class:** Wednesday nights during Lent and beyond, *Around the World in 80 Faiths*, a study of 80 unusual religious traditions from all over the globe, highlighting the huge variety of faiths that are a part of our human longing for God. Each of the 8 videos is one hour long, followed by up to a half-hour of discussion. Ten faith experiences will be lightly touched upon each week for 8 weeks.



**Thank you to Dot & Sam Carter** for sharing their African Art Collection during Black History Month.

**Dear Pastor Bob & FFUMC.**

Please accept our most heartfelt and sincere thanks for your many kindnesses as we have served the SOS together. We raised money for SOS and want you to have this as we know you have expenses e.g. electricity, water, cleaning, etc. in order to allow us, St. James to participate in this most worthy and needed ministry.

Mary Lewis,  
SOS Site Coordinator for St. James  
(OMOPH)

**Empty used prescription bottles** can be sterilized and reused by the Ferndale Free Clinic. We have a box where you can deposit them in the area outside our offices. If you have out of date medications, Ferndale Free Clinic will take them. However, please keep them separate from the empty prescription bottles. Try putting them in a clear, sealed plastic bag.

# Giving and Living

Too often in our stewardship of finances, we rarely talk about money *directly*. Instead, both in and out of the church, we have learned to perfect talking *around* money. Money remains *the* taboo topic for American Christians — something too dangerous to address head on because of the power it holds over us. At the same time, we also know that our relationship to money is perhaps one of the best windows into the practices of the Christian life.

... While our society makes clear that money has power, our faith traditions reframe this notion to assert that money can often have power over us. When we lift money out of its properly ordered space, then it begins to define us, determine our values, and measure our self-worth as well as our relationship with others. As stewards, yes, we are managing finances, but we are also working not to allow our finances to manage us.

**A holistic stewarding of our finances reshapes our attitudes toward wealth and possessions; it also reframes our relationships with one another in the midst of the multiple economies in which we take part.**

*“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”* Attributed to Winston Churchill but probably penned years earlier, such wisdom relates to Christian stewardship. Far more than managing resources, stewardship is the way that disciples make a life, and giving yourself and your resources away is central to our formation within a life of faith.

The power of money in our lives is too great to view stewardship as managing finances by simply moving money from one column to another. **Stewardship is rather tending our souls, aware of our unique fears and desires, nurturing our relationships with money as it marks a way of life and leading us to experience faithful living and the joy of giving.** *David P. King is the Karen Lake Buttrey Director of Lake Institute on Faith & Giving as well as Assistant Professor of Philanthropic Studies within the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.*



Deb, Kofi and Jill, celebrating Kofi's 16th

## **Pastor's Discretionary HELP Fund**

While we still give grocery cards and bus passes, these are limited in frequency and amount and require confirmation of their use. This is so we can save larger amounts for those who come with bigger needs, such as utility shut-offs, car repairs, rent, etc. *Anyone can contribute an extra, designated gift to this fund at any time. We want to make the fund more effective and place it on a firmer footing by encouraging these extra gifts on **each Holy Communion Sunday**, (gifts at other times are always welcome).* Again, these are “extra” gifts, for those who wish to do something more, over and above their regular, disciplined giving to Christ's church. We have extra envelopes available on which you may write: **HELP**.

Some people are simply trying to survive, often on the street. **If you are approached by someone asking for money, please don't be embarrassed to refer them to Pastor and the HELP Fund. You are strongly encouraged to not give cash. That is why many of you support the fund, so we can help people directly and fairly.**

*We currently have a healthy balance, thanks to generosity at the first of the year. That has allowed us to assist with rent, overnight rooms, gas, groceries, and bus fare, among other needs. Thank you for your generous support.*

# Opportunities Beyond the Local Church

**The award winning and nationally recognized Strengthening Families Program (10-14)** is coming Ferndale High School! This seven session program is Tuesdays from 6 to 8pm, March 6th – April 24th. **FREE** for parents with youth aged 10-14 years old. *Especially parents who have youth who will be transitioning from elementary to middle School, or middle school to high School.* The sessions reinforce good communication skills between parents and their children to help youth stay healthy, drug free and reach their fullest potential. We have 10 slots available. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y8sxlupmn> or call 248-221-7101 to register. See our bulletin boards for full details.

**Detroit Renaissance Lay Servant Ministries, Save The Dates** March 15th –17th Spring Lay Servant Classes Garden City UMC, 6443 Merriman, Garden, City 48135. June 8th to 10th Lay Servant Youth Weekend Retreat, Calvary UMC, 15050 Hubbell, Detroit, MI 48227 Grade 5th thru 12th. Contact Wilma Fleming at lay-serdir437@gmail.com or 313-641-8069.

**Sharing Grace in Perilous Times Workshops** is Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. University UMC, 1120 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI. 48823. Be sure to choose two workshops to attend. Registration for Early Bird is \$30 per person, \$75 per carload of three or more, which ends March 30. Standard Registration which is March 31 - April 6, \$35 per person \$90 per carload of 3 or more. Students are free. Coffee, Juice, etc. @ 9:00 and a vegetarian lunch are included. Pay at the event with only cash or check payable to “Keep Making Peace.”

**Vision Day** is a one-day training event that provides the perfect opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways. Vision Day will be held on April 26, 2018 from 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at CrossWind Community Church, 1683 142nd Ave., Dorr MI 49323. The cost is \$49 per person for all Michigan UMC affiliates and includes lunch.

## **Camp Changes Lives**

Walk in the woods, swim in the lake, and make s'mores over the campfire. Talk about God and how His love transforms us. Try new activities, make friends and sing silly camp songs! Yes! Michigan Area United Methodist Camping offers all this and more. Your children or grandchildren can have all the fun of summer camp and grow in their faith as well.

### **\$25-\$50 Rebate**

You can earn rebates toward your registration fee when you invite friends and they register as first-time campers. In fact, you can **save up to the whole cost of camp when multiple friends register!** Both the first-timer and the camper who invites them get the discount (\$25 for mini camps and \$50 for week-long camps)!

The new camp brochure is available outside the church office. You'll also find special events for adults and families (choir retreat anyone?), as well as RV/tent campgrounds you can visit on your own schedule.

Learn more and register online at <http://www.umccamping.org>.

**For Sale** 2002 Saturn SL Sedan, 171,000 miles. Reliable and great on gas millage. Asking Price - \$2200.00  
If interested call Larry Saville (H) 248-397-8065 and leave a detailed message.

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(Voice mail available 24 hours)

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Thurs., Fri.  
12:30 p.m. - 4 pm or later  
Wed., late afternoons/evenings by  
appointment  
\*subject to change as pastoral and  
family needs dictate; appointments  
are always welcome

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*Music, Chancel and Handbell Choirs*  
Stacy Bellman *Office Manager*  
Deb Gehart *Special Needs Educator*

## **Larger church connections:**

Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue  
*District Superintendent*  
Bishop David Bard  
*Michigan Area Bishop*

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[www.umcom.org](http://www.umcom.org) or [rethink-church.org](http://rethink-church.org)

**General Bd. of Discipleship:**

[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org) or [upperroom.org](http://upperroom.org)

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**Bookstore:**

[www.umph.org](http://www.umph.org) or [cokesbury.com](http://cokesbury.com)

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something for all ages

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 6p Music & Meditation	6 6p Parsonage Super Club	7 7pm Around the World in 80 Faiths	8	9 12pm Next Step Broadway	10 9am Next Step Broadway  6:30pm Clawsonaires Square Dance
11 <i>Spring Forward</i>  11:30am Christ the Good Shepard Meeting	12 10:30am UMW Board Meeting  7p Trustees Mtg	13	14 5:45p Together We Can AA planning Meeting  6:45p Fighting #9 7pm Around the World in 80 Faiths	15	16	17 5:30pm Game Night
18 3pm Women in Red Service	19 7pm Finance Meeting	20	21  7pm Around the World in 80 Faiths	22 7pm Peace Action of MI	23	24 6:30pm Clawsonaires
25 Palm Sunday  5pm Young People Can AA	26	27 7pm AD Council	28 6pm Free Community Dinner & Clothes Closet  6:30p Fighting # 9 7pm Around the World in 80 Faiths	29  7pm, Holy Thursday Service	30  7pm, Good Friday Service	31 10am Wedding Shower  10am Workshop

**Regular Church-related Activities:**

**Sundays:**  
 9:15 am Sunday School/ Children Sunday School Room 204  
 10:30 am Christ the Good Shepherd Church's Mass (Chapel)  
 10:30 am Worship Service

**Mondays:**  
 12 Noon Sisters Class

**Wednesdays:**  
 7:00 pm Christ the Good Shepherd Evening Mass

**Thursdays:**  
 4:30 pm Kids Club  
 9:00 am Interiors Committee  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Other Regular Activities:**

**Sundays:** 8:00 pm  
 Young People Can AA

**Mondays-Fridays:** 10:00 am  
 Overeaters Anonymous

**Mondays & Thursdays** 7:00 pm  
 Friendly Ferndale AA

**Tuesdays:** 6:00 pm  
**Fridays** 12 Noon

Weight Watchers (last day March 16)

**Wednesdays 2nd & 4th** 6:45pm  
 Indivisible Fighting #9

**OTHER ON GOING ACTIVITIES**

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