

First Life

news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

November 2017



Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1



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Deadline for the December/January issue is **November 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

The Legacy We Leave

As we celebrate our All Saints Memorials each November, we're reminded of the legacies that some of those we remember have left to us. They may have been active members of this congregation or people close to one or more of us or even people we barely know, virtually unknown except to God. For those we did know, their names evoke memories of how they lived among us and stories that might be told of how they impacted our lives.

At our recent Church Conference our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Boayue, reminded us of those whose legacy to our congregation included their tangible, financial generosity as a testament to their faith. He lauded the faith and foresight of those who gave beyond their lifetimes by leaving bequests or remembering the church in their wills. Whatever their motives might have been, whatever stipulations they might have made or not made, the fact remains that they wanted their commitment to God and their church to last even beyond their lifetime, and it has. Dr. Boayue challenged us all to seriously consider following in their footsteps.

While I wouldn't have necessarily used the same words, the fact is, I agree. In my four years of conducting funeral services and memorials here, I have been struck by how many people whose lives have been impacted by this, their congregation, did *not* leave instructions about giving memorials to the church in their memory. I have seen all kinds of charities, health care organizations, and such listed as potential memorial recipients, but only rarely have I seen memorials suggested to their own church! I'm sure many of the charities were carefully chosen and dear to someone's heart, but occasionally I've had to bite my tongue, knowing that the charity listed was suspect and probably wouldn't use the money well. And sadly, there are religious charities that fall into this category too. (Always check out *Guidestar.com* before deciding whether to support any particular charity; they give an unbiased rating and review.) When people request memorials given to *their church*, they know who will be handling that money and, to a large extent, how it will be used. Our Memorial Committee here will check with the family if at all possible before spending the memorial funds.

The larger legacy that people leave is by remembering the church in one's will. Memorials given by others are a treasure that allows the church to do many things in the name of the deceased. But remembering the church in our wills is a major factor in determining that the church will be here for the next generation. Monies left in special bequests or to the congregation's endowment fund or toward some godly purpose are like a policy that will insure the church's future. And sometimes remembering the church in our will allows us to give substantially more than we were able to give during our lifetimes.

Were you planning to divide your estate two ways? How about three ways, instead, making your church one of them? Or maybe you would prefer to leave a tithe (10%) of your estate to your church. If your church has meant something important to you during your life, then maybe you'd like to continue that meaning with a gift beyond your lifetime.

As we also approach Bible Sunday this month I'm reminded that the Bible has more to say about our use of money than it does about any other subject — more than salvation or heaven or holiness or anything else. Giving gladly to God

*...consider the
legacy that
you want to
leave behind*

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is a hallmark of the full Christian life.

Disclaimer: Granted, I receive my livelihood from the generosity of God's people giving to the church. But the fact is, I would say all of this regardless, because it is always true. Generous, disciplined and joyful giving marks a biblical Christian at whatever level that person is able to give.

So consider the legacy that you want to leave behind. It may be monetary. It may be wonderful stories told of you with laughter or tears or simply amusement. Please know that your congregation loves you and wants to be there for you if we know your need, regardless of what you give. Our care is not bought; it is given. We are together on this journey of life, and God is the companion beside us on the way until it is time to be welcomed home.

Bob

Air Conditioning Update

Air Conditioning Project: We will be air conditioning our main sanctuary before spring, a project that was authorized by our Administrative Council in 2016, and bids are being received by our Board of Trustees (**if you know of a company that would like to bid, please refer them to our Trustees through the church office**). *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 well over **\$12,000** toward the (maximum of) \$100,000. At our recent Church Conference we approved a funding proposal for the remainder. More of these details are available and will be shared as we approach the start date. Let's not stop as the bids keep coming in. 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 have to borrow!*



Welcome our newest members Jane Johnson and Roosevelt Sims. Also in picture Pastor Bob and Jeff Parker.

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)*

Worship at Ferndale First

Worship at Ferndale First UMC in November *

November brings us to some favorites — our Annual All Saints Memorial Service, the days around Thanksgiving, and the end of the Church Year, The Reign of Christ. Along with these Sundays come some texts that both cheer and challenge us. A bit unusual is that Advent doesn't begin until December this year. You won't want to miss any of these opportunities to worship and celebrate with God and each other.

Nov. 5 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints Memorial Sunday, we will honor the memories of those who have died since last *All Saints*, November 1, 2016. Message: *The Saints in Glory*, Revelation 7.9–17. We will light candles and toll the chime in their memory and feast in their honor. *Holy Communion* and *Anointing with Oil* will be offered.

Nov. 12 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost; UMW Sunday, the United Methodist Women of our congregation will plan and lead this annual service. Message: TBA

Nov. 19 – 24th Sunday after Pentecost; Thanksgiving/Bible Sunday; on this grateful Sunday we can be grateful for the Bible — but not for the way it is so often abused. We'll look at one of the most familiar "abuses" of the Bible, using it as a predictor of the return of Christ. What do those texts really mean? Message: *Ready for Christ's Return*, Matthew 25.1–13; 1 Thessalonians 4.13–18, with Amos 5.18–24 .

Nov. 26 – Last Sunday after Pentecost; Reign of Christ/Christ the King, while Jesus tells of a Last Judgment, when nations will give an account of their behaviors, we're going back centuries earlier, when Ezekiel looks at his people and sees the "shepherds" fleecing the "sheep." He questions what happens when those in charge don't care about those they are charged to protect. Message: *Promises to Puny People*, Ezekiel 34.11–16. We may feel sheepish — or very blessed.

Who would you like to invite to worship with you next Sunday? (Depending on whose research you read, 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.

Serving in November

Liturgists

5 Yoan Alfaro
12 UMW Sunday
29 Verdell Bell
26 Angelica Davis
(Student Sunday)

Ushers

Elizabeth Nasser
Milzie Murdock
Mollie Monroe

Coffee Hour

5 Davis Family
12 UMW Sunday
19 Mildred Allwood &
Verdell Bell (Meal)
26 Richard & Margaret Churchill

Counters (additional Counter needed; contact Karen King)

Karen King
Kathy Arcese
Natalie Baeckeroot

Greeters:

Verdell Bell & Annie Mitchell
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

Thanksgiving Open House Returns This Year

Last year we offered an Open House for people who didn't want to or couldn't be with family and friends. Larry Saville took the lead and created a wonderful event with good food, "the big game", and a welcoming place to gather and give thanks.

At our October Community Dinner, there were a number of requests from guests to repeat it. So.... be ready to sign up to provide food/snacks or to serve as a host. It's a great time and a meaningful way to express gratitude. Open House hours are noon-5 on Thanksgiving Day.

We'll need prepared sliced turkey for sandwiches, fresh veggies for relish trays, pickles and olives, crackers & cheese, chips & salsa/dip, cookies, brownies, cakes and jello. If you have a favorite side dish you make for Thanksgiving and want to make an extra, we'll be happy to serve it, too.

Hosts help set out the food, decorate the tables and enjoy spending time in conversations with our guests, or playing games.

Host Roles:

11am-noon - set up & set out food

Noon-5- Enjoy a meal/conversation, play games (Chose to serve any hourly shift between noon-5)

5-6 Help with clean up

We have so much to be thankful for as a congregation, including relationships with each other. Let's extend our love and gratitude with those who may not have family or friends beyond our walls this Thanksgiving, too.

Call the Office to volunteer or look for the signup sheet in worship and the Monday Message.

Submitted by Jill A. Warren
for the Outreach Committee

Community Dinners Continue

A time to come together as a community in fellowship and enjoy a delicious, nutritious meal. **Free.** No reservations required.

Next Dinners: November 29, December 27, January 31, February 28, March 28

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.** Thank you, Mary and everyone who helps! **Cost can be reimbursed.**

The Clothes Closet is also open until 7:00 pm on Community Dinner nights and had moved to its new location at the end of the lower level hall room.

Parents Night Out (PNO)

Please contact Marilyn Hart or the church office or sign up at the volunteer table if you can help. All it takes is a love of children! If you want to do it regularly additional training and certification are available. PNO is every 2nd Friday of the month. **There will be no PNO this month due to illness.**

Next Parents Night Out Sessions: December 8, January 11, February 8, March 8

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES:



Community Card & Game Night Ferndale First United Methodist Church

Saturday, November 18th, December 16th, January 20, February 17

5:30pm – 9:30pm (Social Hall)

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 of those who are able to contribute.* **For further information, or questions, please contact Larry at (248)397-8065. This is a home line, cannot receive text messages.**

Coffee Hour

Hi Everyone,

Well we did it, congratulations! We got the Coffee Hour book filled up by November. Big thanks to these awesome people who took time out to do a coffee hour a Sunday or more, Richard & Margaret Churchill, Mildred Allwood, Verdell Bell & family, Rick Churchill & Rene Polzin, Linda Jones, Blossel Gordon, Lui & Silviner, Bob & Mary Lenaway, Pat & James Lind, Milzie Murdock, John & Julie Ptasznik, Jill & Bob, Bea Siwak, Shirley Young, Nick & Florence Zulick, UMW, & Liz Nasser.

You guys are just awesome and it couldn't happen without you. Maybe next year we can get others to share a Sunday. Again thank you so much from the bottom of my heart.

You can find the 2018 calendar on the table by the offices.



Thank you in advance,
Sheila Colvin,
Coffee Hour Coordinator



Fair Trade Pop-Up Shop Is Back

Get ready to shop fair-trade for the holidays! Each year, the Outreach Committee hosts the Fair-Trade Ferndale Pop-Up Shop to support fairly-traded goods through UMCOR's Serrv project. We order items on consignment, sell them throughout the holiday season and return items that don't sell. The only items we can't return are food items. This is a no-profit enterprise — we don't make money as a fundraiser (although we could if we wanted to set up a permanent sale). It's primarily to encourage people at church and the community to buy fairly-traded gifts as a replacement or supplement to other gifts you typically buy. Look at all the cool stuff we'll have this year: <http://www.serrv.org/category/consignment-items>

We're open Fridays 4pm-7pm
Saturdays, noon-4pm
Sundays, before and after worship
November 3rd through January 7th in the Hospitality Suite Room 100 (formerly the Community Clothes Closet)
Volunteers needed for 2 hour shifts each day. A sign-up will be available at church and circulated during Sunday services or contact Jill A. Warren, jillawarren@gmail.com or 248-850-0230 to volunteer. It's a lot of fun!

Trunk or Treat Thanks

Our annual event exploded with participants this year due to a stronger social media presence. Thanks to everyone who helped hustle after our Charge Conference to get everything ready! We had more than 150 participate!

Special thanks to "Food Crew & Traffic Directors" Annie Bell, Verdell Bell, Julie & Michael Ptasznik, Nikki Norwood and Terry Harris-Smith. Special thanks also to "Speedy Decorating Crew" Kathy Arcese, Pastor Bob and Jacqueline Windham and to everyone who helped with cleanup.

We had enough food thanks to Mildred Allwood, Verdell Bell, Sheila Colvin, Alison Hastings, Julie McManus, Julie Ptasznik, Roosevelt Sims & Kassie and Anna Wooten.

We had fun, served our community and built relationships. I'm so proud to be part of this congregation!

Submitted by Jill A. Warren



Just some of our Trunk or Treat Kids and Families!



November Birthdays

- 3/Nicolas Kelly
- 4/Kathleen Shuller
- 6/Thelma Driggs
- 9/Jeffrey Nahan
- 9/Annette Depetris
- 9/Victoria Niner
- 13/Jodi Knittel
- 14/Kristopher Rowe
- 16/Aliyah May Gonzales
- 18/Rodger Stewart Brown
- 23/James Quist
- 23/Siliva Shakkuri
- 24/Lucille Stratton
- 24/Michael Elbert
- 25/Carole Bookmiller
- 25/Emily Sines
- 26/Helen Helson



Anniversaries

- 1/ Albert & Janice Howells
- 11/William & Jody Eighmey



A generous thank you to **Fran Eighmey** who graced our grounds with a sea of yellow mums (chrysanthemums), 15 to be exact.

*Nice fall touch,
Larry*

Empty used prescription bottles can be sterilized and re-used 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, FernCare Free Clinic will take them. However, please keep them separate from the empty prescription bottles. Try putting them in a clear, sealed plastic bag.

Christian Education



Memorial Scholarship Available



Hello Families!!!

We have established the next date for Kids' Club to sing in Sunday Service. Please mark your calendars for the following date: **Sunday, November 12**. Please have your child to church no later than 10:00am for the Sundays they sing. This will allow us time to robe and warm up. In addition, the lyrics for the next song are here. Anything you could do to help them memorize the words will be appreciated. Thanks!!

Thank you, Lord, for this fine day. (repeat 2 more times)

Right where we are.

Thank you, Lord, for mom and dad.

Thank you, Lord, for family.

Thank you, Lord, for our good friends.

Right where we are.

Thank you, Lord, for teachers and school.

Thank you, Lord, for toys and clothes.

Thank you, Lord, for food and drinks.

Right where we are.

Thank you, Lord, for animals.

Thank you, Lord, for our pets.

Thank you, Lord, for Kids' Club.

Right where we are.

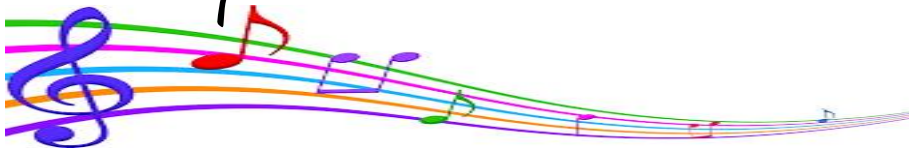
Every Thursday at 4:30pm, kids from age 4 to 7. Bible Stories, Songs, Snack, Craft
First United Methodist of Ferndale/Education Wing/Room 205.
Contact the teachers for any questions! We would love to have you!

Ms. Alison Hastings, 248-268-4616

Ms. Kathy Arcese, 248-635-5919

Ms. Natalie Baeckeroot, 248-739-0857

Worship, Music and Fine Arts



MUSIC AND ANTICIPATION

Music of the Advent season will once again fill our sanctuary on Monday evenings. Each Monday from November 27th - December 18th, we will enjoy musical presentations to prepare us for the coming of Christ. The music program will be from 6:00-6:30 followed by a light meal in the social hall.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Join the fun on Tuesday evening, November 28 as we gather to decorate the church for the Advent season. There will be a light meal available starting at 5:30p.m., but come when you can to share in some yuletide teamwork. See you then!

Suzette Ho

Don't forget to complete your application by *December 31* for memorial scholarships to be granted in January.

Applicants may be high school graduates or adults attending any type of higher education, college, internet classes and/or training schools.

Applications are available outside the church office. If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please see Karen King.



Pastor's Bible Study continues each Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m., in the *Upper Level Conference Room* during the summer heat. We're studying the Book of Isaiah, who was actually two or more authors who spoke to different eras and needs that may reflect our own.

Our **Discover Islam** class is finished but will be offered again this winter at a different time, followed by a visit from an Imam.



Weekly Meetings

Tuesdays @ 6 pm

Fridays @ Noon

Doors open 1/2 hour prior
No reservation necessary. To join stop in during above meeting times.

The United Methodist Women

Dear Sisters,

You might say that November is UMW month at Ferndale. We will have our UMW Sunday on November 12 with Linda Schram bringing us the message. Linda has been with all levels of United Methodist Women in some capacity or other and is very interesting. We are also scheduled to bring things for coffee hour. Nov. 15 we will meet in the kitchen to make sandwiches and put bag lunches together for the NOAH project at Central UMC, We need for you to bring cookies (preferably oatmeal/raisin, home baked) packaged 2 to a package ready to put in the bags. We have a good time working together and many hands make the process go quickly and efficiently. We also plan to take underwear and socks with us when we deliver the lunches on Thursday. NOAH is also asking for snug, warm hats and gloves and hand warmers for the winter so there are choices for you to bring. The box for these items is outside the office on the big table. We will not have a regular meeting in November because of these other meetings, but Sisters continues to meet on Mondays and we always like to see new faces. Remember to keep collecting "coins of gratitude" so in December you can bring them as your World Thank Offering which we will collect at the December Luncheon/Tea/Christmas celebration.

Thanks to all who helped make the District meeting run smoothly. The ladies were pleased and the lunch went well and was well received. Keep reading!

Love in Christ,
Kathy Shuller



I would like to thank everyone who made the CROP Walk for First UMC of Ferndale participation a huge success. Our goal was \$2000 and we achieved \$2909.00! I would like to thank:

Alison Hastings and Natalie Baeckeroot who were on registration.

Bob & Carolyn Porter who were our safety drivers.

Shirley & Lee Gnegy who were our check points.

All of our donors that gave money to help us reach our goal.

And a special thanks goes out to all of our walkers:

Mike Cadotte

Dot Carter

Richard Churchill

Sheila Colvin

Lu Downing

Suzette Ho

Mary Lenaway

Liz Nasser

Sammy Samuels

Kathy Shuller

Jill Warren

Pastor Bob



*Thank you all — we could not have done it without you!
Elizabeth Nasser*



Sock-It-To-Me- September to Novem- ber

The UMW is still collecting socks and underwear. The collection has been extended until November 15th. The group that donates the most socks wins the coveted Golden Sock Award. Help us collect 3,500 pairs of new socks! (Men's preferred) Donated items should be placed in the box on the table outside of the church office.



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.

Giving and Living

More Than Enough

By Alex Benson, from a book review for: *More Than Enough* by Lee Hull Moses. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press. 2016.

...Moses argues our choices as consumers are part of a complex global network, and rarely do we find a straightforward path to faithful and just living. What conserves one resource may use more of another; what seems like the best choice on a local level may perpetuate harmful systems across the globe. Moses also rightly notes that **choosing to live simply is a privilege** in and of itself and should not be used to glorify the realities of those who are *forced* to do so. And yet, a call to love God and neighbor surely should move us to do our best to **consider how our daily choices affect all of creation.** (*Emphasis mine.*)

In each chapter, Moses puts the realities of many middle class Americans in dialogue with scripture: Narratives of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness guide us to lessons on what it means to have enough manna for each day and the value of Sabbath. The Psalms give us a space to lament the perpetual cycles of environmental and social degradation, while still giving us hope that pain and scarcity are not the end of the story. Paul's letters call us to right living while reminding us of the lavishness of God's grace and help us grapple with the "here but not yet" nature of God's kingdom. The gospels provide rich grounds for thinking about the radical abundance of God's presence in and among humanity: Mary's bold proclamation in her Magnificat, meager loaves and fishes that feed thousands, a tax collector who experiences radical transformation, and a God who enters into the messiness of what it means to be human, making our everyday choices holy.

... buy fair trade and ethically made goods whenever possible, research the ethics of the companies with which you do business, consume only as much as you need, seek out information about world financial systems, become informed about social justice issues in your own community, and recognize your own power in the political sphere. The journey will likely be a messy one, but, as Moses reminds us, we are not called to go it alone, and after all, "with God, all things are possible."

More Than Enough is an excellent companion for anyone seeking a Christian framework to navigate simple living, particularly for those of us who feel like our own realities are caught somewhere in between those of abundance and scarcity. Readers will find in these pages a gracious conversation partner, but one who pushes us to recognize the ways in which we can grow to become more faithful stewards of all that we have and all that we are – in the midst of our very here and now realities.

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Pastor's Discretionary HELP Fund

While we still give some 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.**

Our goal is to reach a healthy balance of \$700 available for major needs. We will not give out more cards or assistance funds when large amounts are spent until the fund is rebuilt. The fund ebbs and flows with needs and we hope to again have our base balance in the near future. **Thank you for your generous support.** *Currently we are rebuilding the fund, but we have a donated gift card that is being used to purchase some smaller items.*

Some of our **Unsung Heroes**

Opportunities Beyond the Local Church

InterFaith Leadership Council of Metropolitan Detroit is hosting “Creation Stories & Our Environment” a program on environmentally-conscious living. Sunday, November 12, at 3:00 pm at Temple Beth El 7400 Telegraph Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301. Registrar at iflc.wufoo.com

Part two of the program will be Sunday, December 3 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. There will be a docent-guided tour at the Detroit Institute of the Arts focusing on how creation is depicted in African, Islamic, European & American art. \$10 payable at the door.

DRUM (Dedicated Reconciling United Methodists) Fall Pot Luck and Program, November 12, 6pm, Nardin Park UMC, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Bring a dish for the 6pm dinner; stay for the 7pm program featuring speaker, Rev. George Covintree. (This is especially for LGBTIQ United Methodists and their allies.)

South Oakland Shelter 9th Annual Dancing with the Detroit Stars, Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 7pm—Midnight at The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., Birmingham. Ticket price is \$200 per person. RSVP by November 6, 2017. Contact Omari Taylor (248)809-3773 or events@oaklandshelter.org

Bishop David Bard to Host Dialog on Human Sexuality at Hope United Methodist Church on Monday, November 20, 2017, 7:00pm in the Fellowship Banquet Hall. “Weaving the Future: Connectional Conversations” is an opportunity for persons to share their hopes, dreams and concerns about the official position of The United Methodist Church as it relates to individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered or Queer. Bishop Bard will be there to engage in conversation around LGBTQ inclusion and the unity and future of The United Methodist Church. We invite you to join us as we discuss our differences for The United Methodist Church together.

Emergency Preparedness/ Disaster Response Ministry (EP/DR)

Early Response Team Training (ERT) Saturday, December 9th, at Hope UMC 26275 Northwestern Hwy, Southfield 48075, 9am-5pm at Hope UMC. We need volunteers for the DR - ERT. Class size is limited to 15 and the cost for the training is \$35, which covers the training manual, t-shirt, badge, lunch and snacks for the training day. Attached is a detailed explanation about the training, criminal record application for those who want to get the training and a registration form for the day of the training.

Please send all RSVP's to the trainer, Robert McCormick by Nov. 30, 2017 at: mccor1958@gmail.com. Background application and training registration should be sent to Mr. McCormick's attention by email. Please contact church office for complete details. *(The church can subsidize the expense if there is someone who is interested in becoming a Disaster Response Trainee.)*

The new membership directory for First United Methodist Church should be ready for publishing in December, 2017. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement or personal message in support of our new directory should call Jill Garner at (800) 544-6903 ext. 111 toll free or email her at jgarner@cathedraldirectories.com. Your current ad or business card could be used or help in making up a new ad could be arranged. Please feel free to pass this information on to others. Advertisers do not need to be members of our church.

Contact us:

Regular Office Hours:
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(Voice mail available 24 hours)

Minister's Hours:* Mon., Tues.,
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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ferndalefirstumc@ameritech.net

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Bishop David Bard
Michigan Area Bishop

The United Methodist Church:

www.umc.org

General Bd of Church & Society:

www.umc-gbcs.org

UM Communications:

www.umcom.org or rethink-church.org

General Bd. of Discipleship:

www.gbod.org or upperroom.org

General Bd of Global Ministries:

www.gbgm.org or umcor.org

General Bd of Higher Ed & Ministry:

www.gbhem.org

Publishing House & Online

Bookstore:

www.umph.org or cokesbury.com

United Methodist Camping

(in Michigan):

something for all ages

www.umccamps.org



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First United Methodist Church of Ferndale 22331 Woodward Ave Ferndale MI, 48220 Phone: 2485454467 Fax: 2485450238 E-mail: ferndalefirstumc@ameritech.net			1 6:30p DATC	2 6:30p DATC	3 6p The Well Meeting	4
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends	6 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice 6:30p DATC	7 7p Staff Parish Meeting	8 Deadline for Parents Night Out 6:30p DATC 6:45p Fighting #9	9	10 6p Parent Night Out (<i>cancelled</i>) 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice	11 9:30a SEMA 6:30p DATC 6:30p Clawsonaires Square Dance
12 UMW Sunday	13 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice 7p Trustees	14	15 5:45p Together We can AA planning Meeting	16	17 6p Church Conference 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice	18 5:30p Game Night
19 FFUMC Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner	20 10:30a UMW Board Meeting 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice	21 7p Education Meeting	22	23 <i>Church Office Closed</i> Noon—5pm Thanksgiving Open House	24 <i>Church Office Closed</i> 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice	25 6:30p Clawsonaires
26 United Methodist Student Day	27 6p Music and Anticipation 6:30p CGS Ordination Practice	28 5:30p Hanging of the Greens 7p Ad-Council Meeting (w/ Greens as needed)	29 6p Free Community Dinner 6p Clothes Closet Open 6:30p Fighting # 9	30		

Regular Church-related Activities:

- Sundays:**
 9:15 am Sunday School
 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
- Wednesdays 2nd & 4th** 6:45pm
 Indivisible Fighting #9

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