



First Life

news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

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Christ Lives!

Deadline for the May issue is **April 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

Resurrection for Planet Earth

One thing we tend to forget during our grand Easter celebrations is that Christ's resurrection was never only about individuals being given new life beyond the grave. The belief in some sort of life after death, and even bodily resurrection didn't start with Jesus. Even the belief in his bodily resurrection wasn't the whole point. The early church always saw it as something much bigger than that. Paul wrote:

... the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. [Romans 8.21-23] and He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first born from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether in earth or in heaven by making peace through the blood of his cross. [Colossians 1.15-20]

Our resurrections, starting with Jesus' resurrection, are part of a bigger plan that God has for the whole creation. It's Jesus' resurrection that makes us think such a thing is even possible. The Bible says it has cosmic implications.

Katharine Hayhoe is director of the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University, a professing evangelical Christian, and a frequent speaker to churches, sometimes antagonistic to her message. She says, "...climate change is real and human-caused and the impacts are serious enough to warrant taking action." She counters some of the pseudo-scientific arguments against climate change with these words:

I know that there are lots of scientific sounding objections: "it's just a natural cycle," or "scientists don't know enough yet," or "those models are always wrong." ... I also hear the religious objections: "if God is in control, then nothing bad can happen," or "God gave us dominion over the earth, so we can do whatever we want," or, "the earth is going to end anyway, so why does it matter?" ... They've been told that climate change solutions will ruin the economy; that the issue is being pushed by godless liberal atheists, and Christians can't go along with them; that the concern is a tool of the Democrats to expand big government and control people's lives. ... Here's the thing: those worries are not accurate. There are all kinds of solutions that energize local economies, build jobs, free people to develop their own energy sources, and — most importantly — fulfill our call to exercise responsible dominion over the planet and love others as Christ loved us.

Here are some facts to consider:

1. Climate change (or climate instability, the wording I prefer) exacerbates the problems of hunger and poverty and lack of access to clean water. The poorest of the world suffer most and can do the least about it.

2. Clean energy creates many more jobs than traditional fossil fuels, many of them local.

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3. Supporting clean energy empowers us to develop our own energy rather than importing it. (The U.S. now ranks well down the list of nations that are developing their own clean energy, including lagging far behind China which had a long way to go in terms of pollution.)

4. Some 200,000 people in the U.S. die annually as a direct result of pollution.

5. There are all kinds of things that can be done by individuals like us. We know many of them: caring about and conserving our water (which we often take for granted, being almost surrounded as we are by the Great Lakes that hold a major fraction of the world's high-quality fresh water), LED bulbs, eating lower down on the food chain and more locally, insulating, recycling, joining groups for action; and these only scratch the surface.

6. Probably the most important thing any of us can do is talk about climate change/instability. It's all about making our choices and using our voices. Our silence makes us complicit.

We can be grateful that this church is a leader in our state when it comes to solar power and energy conservation. We'll continue to explore other options as well. We encourage any of our members to get involved with Michigan Interfaith Power and Light, the organization that enabled us to pursue solar.

Where we live, we are surrounded by issues that affect our society — poverty, racism, (hetero)-sexism, fear of the “other,” misogyny, job loss, stagnant wages — and plenty more, such that there's no possibility of burying our heads in the sand around here. Yet we rarely stop to consider that they are all related, and none of them can be solved if we don't have a planet we can inhabit. Expecting God to step in and take care of everything runs counter to all we know of God and human freedom in this world. As always, we're expected to work in partnership with God, because we too love God's creation — we're a part of it, after all.

Our planet isn't dead yet, so maybe it's premature to talk about resurrection. Yet it isn't too soon to talk about life support; we are dangerously close and prefer to politicize rather than protect, preserve and empower. May God keep us faithful to our partnership and to God's grand vision of an earth renewed and filled with life.

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.)

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

April

April begins with Easter this year, and the following Sundays of Easter give us insights on how the early church put Jesus' resurrection into perspective and into action in changed lives. Certainly, we welcome the coming of spring-like weather and new life to our world; God has even more in mind, and we'll discover it together in worship.

April 1 – Easter Worship;

8:00 a.m., Early Easter Worship, with our Youth leading much of this shorter service, especially for those who may need to be elsewhere later in the day. Message: *Come On!*, Mark 16.1–8.

10:30 a.m., Easter Worship Celebration, in addition to the usual resurrection scriptures of the day, we'll be inspired by a great imaginative vision from Isaiah. Message: *On Our Way to God's Party*, Isaiah 25.6–9, John 20.1–18. *Flowers, Music, Holy Communion, Anointing with Oil.*

April 8 – 2nd Sunday of Easter; How are the people who follow Jesus any different from other people in society? What made those first Christians so unique that people flocked to become a part of their movement? If we get the answers, can we live with them? Message: *What Makes Easter People Different?* Acts 4.32–35, 1 John 1.1–2.2, Psalm 133 and John 20.19–31.

April 15 – 3rd Sunday of Easter; Native American Ministries Sunday; including a *special offering* for Native American ministries, some in our state. The Bible is frequently misunderstood and even abused when people speak about what happens in the after-life. What about eternity and often strange subjects like judgment, hell and heaven? What about Native beliefs? Message: *Another World?* Acts 4.5–12, 1 John 3.16–24, John 10.11–18.

April 22 – 4th Sunday of Easter; Festival of God's Creation; The resurrection of Jesus matters, not just for those who have lost loved ones or for those who face death. Jesus' resurrection matters for the entire creation. Message: *A World Full of Resurrection*, Luke 24.36b–48, Acts 3.12–21. As we approach Earth Day, the Bible has something important to say.

April 29 – 5th Sunday of Easter; Solar Power Celebration Sunday; We'll celebrate that our solar array has been "on line" and providing solar energy for a year now. Special activities are planned. // Things happen that we can't explain. God works in mysterious ways, and often through unexpected people, like Philip and an Ethiopian he just "happens" to meet on the road. Coincidence? It's an amazing upheaval of so much that people believed. God likes to mess with our heads. Message: *Roadside Revival*, Acts 8.26–40 and earlier verses.

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.

Serving in April

Liturgists:

1-Alison Hastings
8-Peggy Rush
15-Benjamin Rush
22-Suzette Ho
29-Kathy Shuller

Ushers:

Richard Churchill
Dot Carter
Nikki Vance

Coffee Hour:

1-Easter Brunch
8-Volunteer Needed
15-Volunteer Needed
22-Volunteer Needed
29 -Volunteer Needed

Counters:

(additional Counter needed; contact Karen King)
Karen King
Margaret Churchill

Greeters:

Verdell Bell, Annie Mitchell
8-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 Game Night!

Ferndale Memorial Day Parade 100th Anniversary

Another opportunity to walk for those who are no longer with their units, their families, or their friends is sponsored by Michigan's Fallen.

On Monday, May 28th a special tribute will be paid to honor 262 men and women who gave their lives serving in Michigan's military units in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict. Ideally we would like to have one volunteer walker for every soldier. Please invite family and friends to join you on this living tribute. We will once again be meeting at the corner of West Maplehurst and Livernois. Sign in will be between 7:30 am and 9:30 am with the parade starting at 10:00 am.

If you are not able to participate, but know of a group or individuals who are interested in walking this year, or helping in other ways to support our tribute please pass along this information. Any financial donations (tax deductible) can be made to "First United Methodist Church" and on the memo line please add "Michigan's Fallen" to ensure your donation is passed along to the Michigan Fallen organization/committee.

Thank you ahead of time for your consideration. If you would like to speak to me, please feel free to contact me at my home number 248-397-8065 or visit our web site – mifallenfootfloat.com.

Below you will see our new Michigan Fallen Banner which celebrates our 10th Anniversary a tribute honoring our Fallen Heroes with all 262 names listed.



Community Card & Game Night

Ferndale First United Methodist Church

Saturday, 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.

Community Dinner

Sit down with a stranger and leave with a friend

FREE Community Dinners The Last Wednesday of every month

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

Next Dinners: 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.

Ferndale First United Methodist Spring Cleanup **Spruce & Boost Your Church!**

Saturday, May 12th

8:00 am Coffee & Donuts.

9:00 am Work begins. We have a variety of inside & outside projects for you and your family to choose from.

12:30 pm Lunch

Some of the inside/outside sprucing & boosting include:
Cleaning church parking lot area of debris, cleaning alley along the south side of 1st United, laying mulch on garden areas. Please bring work gloves, garden tools, lawn bags, wheelbarrows, buckets, rags for cleaning. Indoor work may include general cleaning of the church including pews and the cleaning and organizing of a couple of rooms.

Please feel free to join us in the spirit of the day, even if you have physical limitation.

Questions? Call *Larry S. (H) 248-397-8065*,

*For the purpose of lunch watch for the sign up sheet starting Sunday, April 29th. Please provide name, phone number, and e-mail.



We invite everyone to bring a potted geranium of any color on May 12th the day before Mother's Day between 9am-Noon.

Plant stakes will be available for you to dedicate your plant in memory of a loved one, special person, or occasion. Plants will be planted in the outdoor garden area around our church when the weather breaks.

Feel free to donate any perennial plants, or cuttings from your own garden, as well. You can also bring any other annual plant(s) you wish to donate. Below are some suggestions for plants we are looking for. If you would rather make a financial donation for the purchase of plants for the church grounds please note this in your donation. Memory stakes will also be available to those making financial donation.

SUGGESTION:

Perennials—Black Eye Susan, Cone Flowers, Coral Bells, Coreopsis, Echinacea, Daisy, Lavender, Russian Sage Shasta.
Annuals—Coleus, Chrysanthemums, Begonias, Geraniums, Snap Dragons

Questions? *Call Larry S. 248-397-8065*



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.



Dear Church,

I want to thank all the people of the church that I received help and letters and concerns after my fall on Sunday March 18th.

Thanks to all,
James Lind

The United Methodist Women

Greetings!!

Spring is here at last!! Does that mean we are to do some Spring cleaning? Maybe not necessarily for the home but for our hearts and our thoughts. God has been so good to us, more than we have been to ourselves, and for that we are more than grateful. Some good events have taken place since our last newsletter. Our program, *Women In Red*, was on Sunday, March 18, 2018. It was a success. Thanks to all our participants. You know who you are. Don't want to give names, just in case I forget someone. On Tuesday, March 20, 2018, some of our UMW members attended the *Lenten Tea* at First UMC of Warren. Thank you ladies for your support of other UMC functions. It is always a good thing to be of one accord.

Our next UMW assignment will be our mission event for Gleaners in Pontiac. We are confirmed for Tuesday, April 24, 2018, starting at 9 am to 11:30 am. For some unknown reason they changed the schedule from afternoon to morning. We ladies can handle that small change. So please mark your calendar for that date and time. Remember, we are Faith, Hope and Love in action. Also, the UMW Renaissance District yearly retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 11 & 12, 2018, at Lake Huron. Anyone interested, can see Blossel for more details. Our annual *Rummage Sale* is scheduled for May 25 & 26, 2018. You may start to bring items on or about April 15. Please be sure to place items behind the curtain on the stage and not in the hall ways. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sisters still meet on Mondays at 12 noon. All women are invited to attend. Let us keep those who are sick or shut-in in our prayers. I know for sure that God answers knee-mail. Invite a friend to our activities. You will be blessed. Until then, may God continue to bless and keep each and everyone.

Blessings

Blossel Gordon, Vice President

United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale

Everything Needed

Our rummage sale is May 25th and 26th. Items for the sale can be brought in starting April 15th. Please put them on the stage behind the curtain. Thank you for your cooperation.



Items for your family include
Books, Clothing, Furniture,
Kitchen stuff, Toys
and much, much more!

Friday, May 26, 2017
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, May 27, 2017
9:00 a.m. - Noon

First United Methodist Church
22331 Woodward Avenue
4 blocks south of Nine Mile Road

Proceeds to support our mission projects

April Birthdays



- 1-Patricia Dale
- 2-Max Hobbs
- 3-Connie Kurkowski
- 4-Oliver Kelly
- 5-Catherine Nasser
- 7-Andrew Defillippo
- 9-Virginia Riddle
- 9-Liam McDonald
- 9-Preston Bohnsack
- 11-Kathryn Wales
- 11-Ralph Ordiway
- 12-Audrey Cattran
- 12-Ross Semmelroch
- 12-Craron Blach-Widnor
- 14-Jeannette Southern
- 15-Sharon Hauler
- 16-Natalie Breach
- 16-Ryan Garcia
- 17-Beverly Ratcliffe
- 19-Timothy Shuller
- 19-Emily Rowe
- 20-Mark Little IV
- 20-Michon Rouseau-Murff
- 21-Ben Semmelroch
- 22-Leo King
- 22-Christopher Mumby
- 23-Stephanie Brown
- 24-Gloria Kachadorian
- 25-Suzette Ho
- 27-Jarell Lenaway
- 28-Victoria Thompson
- 29-Andrea Staley



Anniversaries

- 2-James & Kathleen Shuller
- 4-Tyrece & Jessica Coleman
- 10-Timothy & Janis Shuller
- 13-Ralph & Sharon Ordiway
- 15-Edwin & Suzette Ho

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

Tentative date for Kids Club Banquet is May 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Reversing Runaway Inequality Workshop is April 28 at 10am here at FFUMC. This is and will be a very worthwhile event based on the book *Runaway Inequality*. We'll learn strategies to influence the imbalances in wealth and wages. A free copy of the book will go to everyone who attends.

Coffee Hour

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring, even if it is a cold one. But we in Michigan know to just stand still and the weather will change in about 5 minutes (as they say).

Well, talking about changes, it would be a blessing to see new faces doing a Coffee Hour on a Sunday along with the regular ones. You can even do one with a friend. You only need to get a veggie tray or sweets, anything from a bakery, produce, or homemade can be brought in. If you like, the church can reimburse you. Just keep your receipts.

If it is hard for you to stand, someone can stand and serve for you or people can serve themselves. If you need help in any way, someone will help you. So what do you say, give it a try — ok? Sign up on the Coffee Hour Calendar today.



Thank you in advance,
Sheila Colvin,
Coffee Hour Coordinator

Pastor's Bible Study

 VideoClass

World Religion Video Class:

Wednesday night April 18, *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 in this final week.

A repeat of the DVD class Discover Islam will begin on Wednesday nights starting May 2. This is a 6-week class.



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.

Giving and Living

By Sarah Renfro

As a former model, my body was a clothes hanger, an object to be dressed, painted, posed, and photographed. It was the source of discussion, as if my body wasn't also connected to my soul, my spirit, and my mind... *me*. Others demanded that I lose weight and tone my muscles, clear and tan my skin. Put simply, I was objectified.

At a certain point, I began to treat my body as an object as well. I fell into the dualistic trap of thinking my body and spirit were two separate entities. I abused my body by denying it nutrition, feeding it toxins, and allowing it to be used for the pleasure of others. I objectified myself.

Eventually, with the help of God, I realized that my body and spirit were interconnected, and that what I did to my body, I also did to my spirit. Both had been subjected to physical, mental, and spiritual harm. Gradually I discovered that the more I focused on the health and well-being of my body, the better my spirit reacted. I retired from modeling. I ate nutritious food and exercised moderately. I started counseling to restore health to my mind. I began to see both my body and spirit as a gift: a gift God had created, breathed life into, claimed, sustained, and redeemed ...

I now seek to use my eyes to see injustice, my ears to hear the cries of the oppressed, my nose to smell the freshly baked bread of Communion. I use my mouth to pray and speak up for those who have been silenced, to share a smile in solidarity, to taste and know that the Lord is good. I give thanks that I am able to use my mind to ponder and think of others. My shoulders are tear gatherers, strong enough to bear others' burdens. My arms hug, lift, build, and stretch across boundaries; my hands create, caress, and hold other hands. My hips carry myself and my daughter; my legs dance, and my feet march in protest and for peace. As a mother, I have the privilege to know how my belly and breasts carried and fed a child, even as my heart heaves and my lungs sigh deep breaths for those who have longed to know this.

Bodies are diverse and wonderful in their own way — each one a gift to be cherished and cared for, nourished and in which to take delight. And as we care for our bodies in loving acts of stewardship, we may find that our spirits come alive as well, igniting in us the passion to use our bodies to serve the world God so loves.

Rev. Sarah Renfro is the Pastor of Connections at Geist Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fishers, IN



Children's Time with Pastor Bob.

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 peoples generosity. 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

Swords into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery presents, GUNS: In the Hands of Artists. Opening Saturday, 00 April 14, 6:30pm—8:30pm, reception with wine & cheese, fruits and sweets, with live music. Meet the Artist who, through various media, express outrage, sadness, and concern about guns and the death and destruction they produce. Exhibit runs through May 25, 2018.

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.

Melodies in the Motor City, Saturday, April 28, at 4pm and Fraser Performing Arts Center, 34270 Garfield Rd., Fraser, MI. Tickets \$15 at the door and \$9 for students and seniors. Featuring Flint Male Chorus, Gentleman Songsters, Men of Orpheus, Millstream Singers, Michiana Male Chorus, Norton Male Chorus, and Flint Knight of Columbus.

St. John's Presents The Power of Prayer, Saturday, May 5, at 4pm at St. John's Episcopal Church, 2326 Woodward Ave. Det, MI 48201, next to Comerica Park. Featuring Karen Abercrombie, "Miss Clara" in the movie "War Room". Complimentary Reception to follow. Tickets are just \$5, purchase at Eventbrite.com. For more info visit StJohnsDetroit.org.

Women in Black is having silent protest against the war and violence at home and abroad. The vigils are held on the second Saturday of each month from noon-1 p.m. The locations vary and are as follows:

May 12, Eastern Market, Russell & Wilkins

June 9, Berkley, 12mile & Wakefield

July 14, Downtown Detroit, Campus Martius, Woodward & Adams

August 11, Royal Oak, Second, east of Main St. Fountain area near Library

September 8, Detroit Cultural Center, Putnam & Woodward, Main Library

October 13, Hamtramck, Pop Park, Jos Campau & Belmont

November 10, Grosse Pointe, Kercheval & Notre Dame

December 8, Birmingham, Shain Park, Bates & Martin

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. (Our local church will also supply additional support.)

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

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

Ways to Connect:

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Stacy Bellman *Office Manager*
Deb Gehart *Special Needs Educator*

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District Superintendent
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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4 7p Around the World in 80 Faiths Study	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 7p Around the World in 80 Faiths Study	12	13	14 6:30p Clawsonaires Square Dance
15 Rummage Sale (now accepting items) 1:30p Shindiggers Dance Club 12:15 SPRC meeting 3p Refuse Fascism	16 10a UMW Board Meeting	17	18	19	20	21 2p Democracy Circles 5:30 p Game Night
22	23	24	25 6p Free Community Dinner 6p Clothes Closet Open 7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 7p Peace Action MI Meeting	27	28 10a Reversing Run-away Inequality Workshop 6:30p Clawsonaires Square Dance
29	30 1p Shindiggers			First United Methodist Church of Ferndale 22331 Woodward Ave Ferndale MI, 48220-1816 Phone: 2485454467 Fax: 2485450238 E-mail: ferndalefirstumc@ameritech.net		

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** 8:00 pm
 Friendly Ferndale AA
- Wednesdays 2nd & 4th** 6:45pm
 Indivisible Fighting #9

OTHER ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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