



First Life

news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

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Deadline for the July issue is **June 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

A New United Methodist Church?

With the coming of Ferndale Pride and Pride Month we are reminded that in February, 2019, the United Methodist Church is facing a likely split over issues of human sexuality. In order to understand how a world-wide denomination could get so bogged down over one issue, some background is in order. For those who have taken Membership Class with me this will be a review. For others, you may be surprised.

United Methodism is governed, like the U.S., with executive, legislative and judicial branches. The Council of Bishops (CoB) is the executive branch; they are tasked with officiating with moral leadership, integrity and vision but without vote. The General Conference (GC), which meets every four years, is the worldwide legislative branch and is the only branch which can create or change church “law” and speak officially for the entire denomination; it is large, unwieldy, half clergy and half laity. The GC is the only body which can make changes to *The Book of Discipline* (BoD), our book of church governance and law. The Judicial Council (JC), sometimes called our Supreme Court, consists of nine members elected from all over the world which rules when questions of church law arise in conflict with each other; it alternates between five laity and four clergy and vice versa every four years.

At 2016’s GC, in order to avoid a volatile impasse, the CoB was tasked with studying the conflicting issues of human sexuality and calling a Special General Conference in 2019 for the express purpose of discussing and voting *only* on a proposal that the bishops would bring as a recommendation from their Council for the whole denomination. The bishops completed their task and sent along three proposals for the 2019 gathering, but *only one with their recommendation*; the others were simply historical. Their proposal would have given both local churches and Annual Conferences (within states or parts of states usually; our own Michigan Conference is beginning even as I write this) the right to choose whether or not they would end our church’s discrimination against LGBTIQ+ persons in our midst and allow UM clergy to officiate at gay marriages and allow gay UM clergy to be married to whomever they love and still remain a minister in good standing in the UMC. It is a partial attempt to bring a degree of justice to the church but a disappointment for those who stand for full inclusion for all. Churches and Annual Conferences could still choose to discriminate. On the other hand, those from the right wing of the church simply couldn’t abide the possibility that we might allow gay weddings. They insisted that any and all proposals, including splitting the church, be allowed at the 2019 GC, and the JC, which currently leans to the right, allowed it. So, contrary to the original intent of the upcoming GC, this gathering will now become a free for all with every possible option being on the table, the bishops’ recommendation becoming simply one of many. Be prepared for chaos.

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knowledge,
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anyone want to
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The Methodist right has several plans, all couched in the language of preserving Christian orthodoxy and fidelity to the Bible. They use the BoD to enforce their views of what is biblical Christianity, views which have never been universally accepted in the Christian church and not even considering interpretations of the Bible that differ widely from their own. The Bible is a much more fluid book in its teachings than they wish to believe. Yet since 1976 they have had the power, the votes, to see to it that discriminatory language has remained in place in the BoD. This has resulted in expensive and destructive church trials of clergy who have dared to stand for full inclusion and marriage of LGBTIQ+ persons. In the early years clergy who dared to do differently, at times officiating at their own children's weddings, paid with their ordination credentials and their livelihoods. Thank God, these have moderated in later years, with bishops handling matters in more humane ways.

The Wesleyan Covenant Association, the Good News Movement, the Mission Society for United Methodists and a few other like-minded organizations represent this right wing of our church. They intend to win the day and expel or at least totally silence those who are in favor of full inclusion. They receive funding from the Institute on Religion and Democracy, a wealthy right-wing think tank which switched its battles from fighting Liberation Theology and Feminist Theology in the Roman Catholic Church to fighting sexual battles within the UMC years ago. If these groups succeed, the current stream of young people for whom these are non-issues and LGBTIQ+ people, who are leaving our denomination steadily, will become a torrent. They want to be the *only* UMC, with their beliefs the only beliefs. If they fail to carry the day, they already have preliminary legal plans to secede from the UMC and take their money and properties with them (which are legally held in trust for the denomination). They intend to leave behind a depleted denomination after years of expensive legal wrangling. Or if they get what they want in terms of their properties they may leave quickly. Either way, it won't be pretty. The United Methodist Church becomes a mockery. All this over human sexuality and gender. Yes, they insist it is over orthodoxy, but not until human sexuality was at issue was there any talk of splitting the church. The UMC has never made complete orthodoxy, whatever that is, a condition for being a good United Methodist. John Wesley himself took the attitude of "live and let live" on nearly all matters of doctrine.

So how did we get to this awful place? The answer lies in our worldwide structure, and the key to that is in Africa. True, the UMC is governed by our BoD, but outside the U.S., Methodist Conferences are allowed to adjust their BoD in ways that suit their cultural context. In some African countries, for instance, their BoD reflects their practice of polygamy.

The residue of insidious colonialism remains from the days when white missionaries were sent to convert "darkest Africa," a long-held racial stereotype. African bishops make the same salaries and pensions as U.S. bishops while the clergy under their leadership minister sacrificially on a pittance. The situation is ripe for corruption as clergy vie to become bishops. The surprising part is that the process has produced so many honorable men (there has yet to be an African woman bishop). These non-U.S. Conferences do not pay apportionments (our system of mission giving) and are subsidized by the denomination and by various U.S. Conferences and large local churches. Unlike U.S. delegates to GC who are elected, in several African countries delegates are hand-picked by their bishops setting up a system

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)*

where delegates “owe” their bishop, especially when it comes to voting. These people, from all over the world, but especially Africa, can vote on the BoD that governs the U.S. church, but U.S. delegates cannot vote on the “adjustments” that are made to the BoD in other cultures.

The southern Jurisdictions of the UMC, particularly the Southeastern and Southcentral Jurisdictions — where U.S. Methodism is strongest numerically with the most megachurches and the most delegates to GC — tend to be conservative, leaning to the right on virtually all issues. They learned early on that they could form voting coalitions with African bishops and delegates whose societies had been decimated by misinformation and fear about the AIDS virus and whose countries still label homosexuality a crime. The combined voting bloc of the U.S. South and the strong numbers of Methodism in Africa control every vote on issues of sexuality. At the 2008 GC gifts of free cell phones secured votes. At the 2012 GC, where Jill was working and I attended as an observer, it became known that money changed hands. Those who claim to protect the integrity of the Bible need to look closer at their own. Women delegates from at least one country in Africa complained that they were threatened with what might happen to them back home if they didn’t vote the proper way. As is so often the case, if these matters were left to women, they would have been solved long ago.

And so we are at an impasse, held hostage to policies, procedures and prejudices from 200 years ago. Meanwhile our LGBTIQ+ sisters, brothers and others wait — wait for African women to gain more power, wait for equality so long coming, wait for another generation to arise that will place people above policies. But will that generation still be in the church? That is the question. Will they simply give up and go away as so many have already done?

Given all this knowledge, why would anyone want to be a United Methodist? Other denominations have their issues too, of course, but if you’re reading this, you have a connection with this denomination. The answer is mostly local. If your local congregation is true to the best of God’s call to all people and tries to live that call in real ways, then you truly have a church that is more than a comfortable social club. If God speaks to your heart, your mind or your conscience, you have a church to cherish. If you find strength and support from people who love you, you have a spiritual home. If you find ways to show the love and kindness of Christ through your congregation using your own body, you are in the right place.

And eventually the whole worldwide denomination will get it right. If the UMC splits in 2019, sad as it is, a new United Methodist Church, or something different, will be born. I hope it won’t be about winners and losers, but at least in a remnant of the church there will be a place of acceptance for all people, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity, that hasn’t been there for a very long time. God knows, maybe that’s not too great a price to pay.

Bob

P.S. After two months of difficult, long articles, I promise to write something short and really uplifting for our July/August issue.

Air Conditioning Update

Air Conditioning Project: Air conditioning in our main sanctuary is now working. Hope that we all enjoyed the comfortable temperature. To date we have raised over **\$14,700** toward the amount. Contributions are still very welcome. You may choose to give regularly toward the goal or to provide one major gift; any amount is welcome! *Please do not hold back;* (We voted to borrow from our own reserves in order to maintain total control over the project.)

Worship at Ferndale First

June

June brings the beginning of Ordinary Time. In worship we have some special Sundays and some great stories from the Bible. It's going to be an interesting, informative and inspiring month! Plus, *now we have air conditioning* in the sanctuary.

June 3 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost; Guest Speaker, *Donna Siegmund*, certainly one of our most gifted speakers who will return with a message from her heart after an extended hiatus. We welcome her back to the pulpit. Sam Carter and Pastor Bob will be at the Michigan Annual Conference.

June 10 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost; Graduates honored; (any graduate, from high school, trade school, college, and beyond is eligible to be recognized; please furnish us with names ASAP!) Stories from the lives of King Saul and Jesus cause us to stop and think about how we view people with mental illness — or maybe those who are just different. This may be surprisingly relevant to all of us, including grads. Message: *Different, Crazy, or Something Else?* 1 Samuel 16.14–23, Mark 3.20–35.

June 17 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost; Father's Day (USA) You're invited to bring a favorite father story; we may expand the commemoration with items you can bring in honor of day; details, if any, will be announced. When King Saul didn't pan out, Samuel (and God) went looking for a replacement king. This was a surprise to everyone, including dad. Message: *God Chooses the Little Guy*, 1 Samuel 15.34–16.13. *Holy Communion* and *Anointing with Oil* on behalf of fathers of all kinds and everywhere. (Last Sunday of the season for Chancel Choir.)

June 24 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost; the Bible speaks of giants, so what are they? And starting from David and Goliath, how do people deal with the giants from the Bible until today? This is more than Sunday School stories (as important as they are). Message: *Giants in the World*, 1 Samuel 17.various verses and Psalm 9.15–16, 19–20.

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.



From left to right: Pastor Bob, new members Lilla Sutherland, Bryant Sutherland, Iris Graham and Larry Saville

Serving in June

Liturgists:

3-Kathy Arcese
10-Kathy Arcese
17-Mary Lou Howard
24-Nikki Vance

Ushers:

Richard Churchill
Dot Carter
Nikki Vance

Coffee Hour:

3-Kathy Shuller
10-Education Team
17-Sheila Colvin
24-Milzie Murdock, Mollie Monre

Counters:

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

Greeters:

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



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: June 27, July 25, August 29, September 26, October 31.

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.

Coffee Hour

Hi Everyone,

Some of the regular coffee hour persons are pulling back from taking a Coffee Hour because of other commitments or health reasons. There are others who come but don't take a Sunday. I feel the pain of the regulars, because I see it myself.

When asked, I get "I do this or that already in the church". Well, surprise!!! Regular people of the coffee hour are just as busy too. They are in the choir, usher, greet, count or are on one or more committees. Now, talking about committees, look at how many are on a committee that you serve on or a group you're in. If each one of you were to bring cookies or cupcakes or cheese & crackers or any snack, you would have enough for coffee hour. Remember the regular coffee hour people are in one or all the above and they do it alone.

I have one committee (UMW) that took a Sunday, what other committees will take a Sunday? (Good news, more are going to do it, but we still need people who will step up, maybe with a friend, once or twice a year. Is that too much to ask?

I thank you in advance,
Shelia Colvin
Coffee Hour Coordinator



Community Game Night!



Community Card & Game Night

Ferndale First United Methodist Church

Saturday, June 16 will be the last Game night of the season.

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 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.



We will be sprucing up the flower beds on June 2 at 9:00 am if the weather permits. All are welcome to come help plant our flowers.

The United Methodist Women

Dear Sisters in Christ,

Here we are right in the middle of rummage sale week with lots of stuff and many people helping to sort, table, and price. We hope to make our pledge of \$3,000 to the district with this sale. It's always a lot of work but it's also fun to visit and work alongside our sisters (and brothers). We couldn't do it without our brothers!

Bloesel just got back from attending the UMW General Assembly which was held in Columbus, Ohio. It's the meeting where all the sisters from UMW gather. We'll have her give us a report about what they did and what we should know. Thanks to those who helped me with the funeral luncheon for Don Wales last Saturday. It went well and we have a lovely thank you from Kathy for all the work and the help we give.

To treat ourselves for a well spent and busy year we will be having lunch out on June 18. We'll be going to the Moose Preserve on Woodward just N. of Square Lake and will car pool from the church about 11am. Please let Bloesel, Alison, Liz, or I know if you will be coming and if you want to meet us there or ride from the church.

Remember to keep reading this summer. If you want to know about the reading program or find a new book, just talk to Dot Carter.

In Christ,

Kathy Shuller

Music & Fine Arts



The DSO at Ferndale First On June 18th, we are honored to host musicians from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra right here in our very own sanctuary. The program will include an evening of chamber music by Mozart, Schubert, and Kodaly.

The musicians for the evening are Will Haapaniemi, violin, Heidi Han, violin, James Van Valkenburg, viola, and Peter McCaffrey, cello.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and will be available at the door.

The DSO is providing our church with 20 comp tickets. If anyone wishes to attend, please call the church office (248-545-4467) to have your name added to the list and a ticket will be held for you at will call.

Join us for this wonderful opportunity as DSO comes right to our community!

June Birthdays

1-Kyle Kaptur
1-Jacob Knittel
2-Paul Shurtliff
2-Cantine Reaume
2-Jenna Kinsman
2-Deana Kinsman
2-Derby Caster
4-Janice Liddicoat
4-Patrick Muller
4-George Alexander
6-Mary Jo O'Rear
7-Claire Christih
8-Quinn Sears
14-Cheryl Sibthorpe
15-Juliet Christih
17-Lu Downing
18-Harper Chapman
20-Katlyn McDermed
20-Sebaston Carter
21-Alana Lenaway
21-Joseph Lemelin
22-Ruby Tenberge
23-Melanie Sikes
23-Meredith Breach
24-Adelle Grace Fry
25-June Pagett
25-Jayquan Vines
26-Teigan Larson
27-Ronald Davis
27-Margaret Churchill
28-Ami Mansell
28-Hunter Nagy
30-Liam Voiles



June Anniversaries

02-Jeffrey Nahan & Annette Depetris
16-Richard & Margaret Churchill
17-Nick & Florence Zulick
22-Gus & Donna Siegmund

Christian Education



Coming this Summer - Kids Cooking Camp! A Christian Education program in conjunction with Danicasa Traditional Mexican Foods. An affordable, fun and nutritious opportunity for kids to learn to choose, prepare and enjoy home-made recipes. August 6–24, 9–4 daily, Ages 6–13, \$20/day (includes snacks and lunch). Participation is limited to 15 this year, with the potential to expand if we have enough volunteer interest. If you would like to volunteer please sign up on the clip board.



Kids Club Hello Families!!!

Kids Club has ended for the season and will resume September 13, 2018. Every Thursday at 4:30 pm, kids from ages 4 to 7 will learn bible stories, songs, make crafts and have a snack. Kids club is located in 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



Newsletters by Snail Mail

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Kid's Club
Teachers:
Alison, Kathy
& Natalie

Kids' Club
Kids:
Kenna, Owen,
Michael



Giving and Living

The time I have spent out of the United States has trained me to slow down and consider the lilies — or wild poppies. The stewardship that comes to mind is the practice of slowing down: the stewardship of time.

Economics is a study in decision making. With the limited resources and in particular settings, what tools will one use to make the right choice? What is the most valuable commodity?

We so often think that it is money. Money can buy just about anything. Health care, a good education, nice clothes, a safe home and car.

Money can do a lot, but it is time that is more valuable. With time one can make more money. With time one can do it all — or as women are often pressured, with more time, one can have it all.

But time is limited, a precious commodity, an un-renewable resource. We can't buy it. We can hardly save it. We can only spend it, as Annie Dillard suggests.

Nina Simone once quipped to her live audience, "Time is a dictator," before sliding into "Who Knows Where the Time Goes?" We too will run out of time.

Returning to Mary Oliver: "Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon? Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

This question has inspired us. It has also put a pressure on many in their quarter-life crisis who shout: "I don't know! There is so much time!" It has also offered a freedom to many in their midlife crisis who whisper: "Something else, I am running out of time."

But the poem isn't pushing us into the future. It is rooting us where we are. The poet does not ask us to hitch our wagon to the one blazing star that will plot the course for the rest of our lives.

The poet calls us to attention as if it was prayer. This is prayer, she offers — not oratory, but openness, paying attention, being alive. What makes our lives wild and precious is the living of them.

The wild and precious life isn't some possibility, waiting to be attained or perfectly curated. It is in the messy and fleeting present. It is here. It is now.

The wild and precious is the sideways moving jaws of the grasshopper as it chews the sugar cube.

Or the sticky sweet warmth of a four-year-old who asks to hold hands at bedtime.

It is the unfurling fig tree leaves. The wild flowers. The morning light that reflects my own being.

Jeni Grangaard is a pastor in the ELCA, sent by Global Mission to serve as a Country Co-Coordinator for the Young Adults in Global Mission Program in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

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, too.). 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 had a recent influx of funds, but rent and utility needs have exhausted them, so current help is on temporary hold. Thank you for your generous support.



Pastor Bob fixing the broken chairs from the Community Room, in the parsonage basement utility room — he's an "all purpose pastor"



Opportunities Beyond the Local Church

Women in Black is having silent protests 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: (anyone is welcome to participate)

June 9, Berkley, 12 mile & 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

6th Annual Michigan UMC Baseball Night, Friday, July 27 – Tigers v Indians

Calling all United Methodist baseball fans! Now is the time to reserve your tickets for this year's Michigan UMC Tiger Baseball Night. In response to requests from last year, we are excited to offer the "Early Bird" price of \$25 per ticket. These tickets are in the lower deck, "Kaline's Corner." Please note the tickets available in our primary block are limited and will be held on a first come, first served basis. Once gone, additional tickets will be in the surrounding outfield. Ticket orders after June 15 will be \$28, still a great price for lower deck seats. This July outing is earlier than last year. Please act quickly to secure your block of tickets. Please call the church office if you would like to attend or see bulletin boards for more details.

Save the Date: Hands with Detroit 2018, October 6, 2018 9:00–4:00pm

Two Generations; a book by Rick Wilcox which combines two autobiographies, Harold B. Wilcox, his dad, and himself. FUMCF is mentioned in the book and also includes history of Ferndale during the period of the 1920s to 1970s. The book can be purchased from Barnes & Nobles, Amazon and Westbow Press for \$43.95 plus sales tax. Postage may be added. You can also purchase a signed copy directly from Rick Wilcox for \$39 postpaid, PO BOX 6784 Kingwood, TX 77325-6784. The church also has two copies in the library.

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 if you let us know.)*

Learn more and register online at <http://www.umcamping.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

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www.umc-gbcs.org

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10 6a Regina 11:30 CGS Meeting 2:30p Regina	11 11 a Sisters	12	13	14	15	16 6a Regina 5:30p Game Night
17	18 11a Lunch Outing 7p Detroit Symphony Orchestra	19 7p Worship, Music, & Fine Comm. Mtg.	20	21	22 12p Regina	23 6a Regina
24 2p Regina	25	26 1:30p Regina	27 6p Free Community Dinner 6p Clothes Closet Open	28 7p Peace Action	29	30 12p Regina

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:

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 6:45 pm

Indivisible Fighting #9

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6:00 am

D'Vine Cookies

OTHER ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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