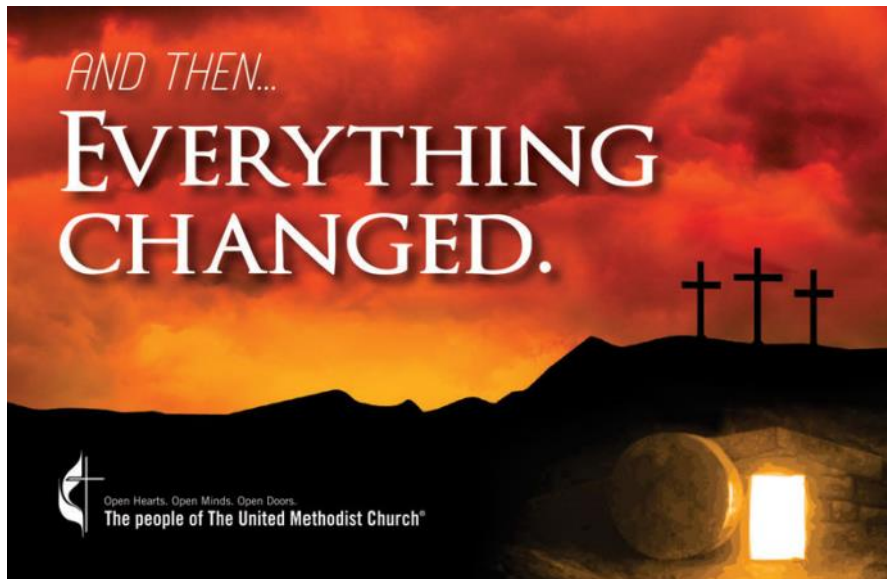




# First Life

news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

April 2019



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**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.*

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### 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

## *One ... and Then Easter*

Several weeks ago in a sermon I quoted T. Denise Anderson, a Presbyterian minister and African-American justice advocate. She said, “As a minister who works to cultivate racial justice in the church and the world, the most frequent pushback I receive involves questions about forgiveness and ‘not harping on the past.’ She continues, “It remains for me the saddest of ironies that so many Christians would see someone else die in their pain rather than die to their own indifference or their need to feel secure in the world’s rightness.”

It’s another way of saying we’d rather not be disturbed when we’ve got things mostly the way we like them. Or as we’ve heard in so many sermons, we’d like to jump past Good Friday and go directly to Easter. But real life is messy, sometimes painful, and even costly if we’re trying to follow Jesus. And sometimes it can feel lonely, too. Last month I mentioned Jesus walking that lonesome valley by himself. One person. Alone. There will be times that feel like that if we’re attempting to live faithfully and not just comfortably. I hope not many.

This Lent I’m reminded of how the Pharisees and Sadducees, two groups that didn’t particularly like or trust each other, banded together to get rid of Jesus because he threatened their way of life, their control over their people. In John 11.50, Caiaphas, the high priest, says to a gathering of these enemies of Jesus, “You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” Better to sacrifice one individual than to lose our grip, than to lose what we have. It’s for the good of the majority. And us.

We’d like to think the majority rules — at the ballot box, in church, wherever we have a stake. And then we remember that Jesus told stories about God. God is like a shepherd who will risk the entire flock to go out after one lost and wandering sheep. God is like a silly, poor woman who loses a coin and turns the whole house upside down looking for it. Then when she finds it she throws a party that costs way more than the coin is worth. And speaking of worth, Jesus then tells a story about a worthless son who squanders his inheritance then finally comes to his senses, penniless and hungry, and decides to come home because he knows his father. And Dad throws a feast for him, the one who caused so much trouble and worry. The good, stay-at-home-and-keep-his-nose-clean son is furious. Everything he’s ever thought about fairness is undone. Sometimes what the majority thinks is comfortable — and wrong.

So Jesus has to go to the cross. The Roman authorities can’t let him live, just in case his followers might get out of hand. The powers that be of his own people know he has to go. You can’t let someone like that shake what’s been built. And Jesus knows it. The reality of it all hits him full on when he prays in the garden, “if it’s possible let this cup pass from me.” If there’s any other way, God.

And he goes to the cross alone. One man. One death. In fact, it really was for the nation — and the world and the universe and the church. And all of us.

***We’d love to be  
certain...about  
every decision  
and choice.***

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Easter says this one dead man rose. God brought him back. The power of one is important. One life matters. And one life can change everything. Do we believe it enough to risk following? We'd love to be sure, to be certain about every decision and choice. God, instead, doesn't make it easy. The Easter stories conflict. The only thing they insist is that One Jesus is raised and is back at work in our world. In a Jewish court of law something was considered proven if two witnesses agreed. We only have One Jesus. Certainty may require two or more. Faith says one is enough.

May your Easter be blessed and beautiful.

*Bob*

**Music and Meditation**, Monday evenings April 1 and April 8, 6:00 p.m. A half-hour of thoughtful musical reflection followed by a light meal.

April 1: Alison Hastings

April 8: Joe Rush.



Music and Meditation with Sue and Owen Ho playing the violins.

***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.***

*That is, we are a church where a family of immigrants and/or refugees in crisis 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, and a significant number of other congregations in the area have pledged their support in various ways. We also have the support of our bishop. (More information is available online from Michigan United, [www.miunited.org](http://www.miunited.org))*

# Worship at Ferndale First

## April

Spring has arrived and we're fast approaching Easter. There are signs of new life all around us, and coming together to worship is one of the best ways to awaken to new beginnings. Easter joy awaits, even out of pain and loss. God is here and Jesus lives.

**April 7 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent;** Rev. Bob Porter will be bringing our message and officiating at a service of *Holy Communion* while Pastor is taking a Sunday to rest. We're grateful to have several who are willing and able to be guest speakers, and we look forward to what God gives Bob to bring to us.

**April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday;** there are so many truths in these texts on the Palm Sunday parade and the Passion that followed. Yet sometimes we miss the very radical nature of what Jesus was saying and doing. Message: *A Parade with God's Permit*, Luke 22 and 23, selections. Kids Club Choir and Chancel Choir singing.

**April 18 – Holy Thursday;** Prayer Vigil (come and go for quiet reflection and prayer; helpful guides available) from 5:00–6:45 p.m. here at FUMCF. At 6:45 p.m. we will gather here for an outdoor processional up Woodward to Zion Lutheran, followed by a 7:00 p.m. combined service at Zion Lutheran next door, including both choirs, a combined message from both pastors and *Holy Communion/Lord's Supper*.

**April 19 – Good Friday;** noon; a half-hour of meditative organ music followed by a half-hour service of hymns and spoken word from Rev. Matthew Bode of Zion Lutheran, here at FUMCF.  
7:00 p.m., a combined service with Zion Lutheran and possibly other congregations, hosted by Zion Lutheran this year. Rev. Bob will bring a spoken meditation.

### April 21 – Easter Services:

**Early Service** at FUMCF, 8:00 a.m., ideal for those with other obligations later in the day; with youth and children participating

**Easter Breakfast**, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall, a pot luck brunch with details to be announced

**Easter Celebration Service**, FUMCF, 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary, with Easter music, the *Reception of New Members*, *Holy Communion* and *Anointing*.

**April 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter;** not so very long after the resurrection of Jesus his followers began a new kind of life, far different from the lives of fear, self-centeredness and uncertainty they'd lived before. Following Jesus can bring new life and new actions too. It doesn't necessarily come without courage. Message: *Over the Line*, Acts 5.27–32; John 20.19–31.

*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 March

### Liturgists:

7 ~ Verdell Bell  
14 ~ Bloesel Gordon  
21 ~ Norm Kern  
28 ~ Kathy Arcese

### Ushers:

Richard Churchill  
Dot Carter  
Vikki Vance

### Coffee Hour:

7 ~ Larry Saville  
14 ~ Bob & Mary Lenaway  
21 ~ Easter Breakfast  
(no coffee Hour)  
28 ~ Mildred Allwood, Sil Graham, Iris Graham (meal)

### 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 2019. Contact her at (248)547-5769.

# Mission and Outreach



## Community Meal

### **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 24, 2019

May 29, 2019

June 26, 2016

July 31, 2019

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

Thank you, Mary and everyone who helps!

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

## Community Game Night!



### **Community Card & Game Night 2019**

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, May 18<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>

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 is asked of all who attend. For further information, or questions, please contact Larry at 248-397-8065. This is a home line, cannot receive text messages.

### **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 recently had a nice influx of money, and we are using it to help those who need it most.*

**Thank you for your generous**



Just want to thank you and ask the Lord to shower you with His blessings!

Mrs. Jackson

# The United Methodist Women

Greetings!!

The days are moving very quickly. One can say, where have the months gone? We as United Methodist Women can and will try to make the best of every opportunity that life affords us. As our schedule allows, we try to be supportive of special events, especially since our motto is "Faith Hope and Love" in action. Thanks to the ladies who attended the Mission Workshop on March 9, 2019 at Beverly Hills UMC. The Speakers were great. Topics and discussions were very informative. Also, thanks to each and every one who attended the Lenten Breakfast on March 19, 2019 at First UMC of Warren. Lovely Speaker and great atmosphere.

**Sorry to say that the Greater Detroit District (GDD) UMW Retreat has been cancelled.** It was scheduled for April 5 & 6 at Lake Huron. Due to low registration and conflicts of events, a decision had to be made. Hoping the year 2020 schedule will be better. The UMW Unit here at FFUMC was schedule to do some cleaning of the kitchen on March 18, 2019, but was unable to do so due to the kitchen still being occupied. A later date will be scheduled. Our next event will be our Unit going to Gleaners on April 23, 2019, starting at 9 a.m.

Our Reading Program is in full swing. Please see our Program Coordinator, Dot Carter, for more information. Sisters Class is on Mondays at 12 noon. Our Bible Studies are so uplifting. Please join us so you can experience the joys of fellowship for yourself. Please keep our sick and shut-ins in your prayers. Until then, may you speak words that are full of Gods love, His truth and His grace.

Lots of Blessings,

Bloesel Gordon  
V. President

## United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale

### Everything Needed

Our rummage sale is May 24th and 25th. Items for the sale can be brought in starting Monday, April 22. Please be sure to put all items 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 24, 2017  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
and  
Saturday, May 25, 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



- 1 ~ Patricia Dale
- 3 ~ Connie Kurkowski
- 4 ~ Oliver Kelly
- 5 ~ Catherine Nasser
- 9 ~ Virginia Riddle
- 11 ~ Kathryn Wales
- 12 ~ Audrey Cattran
- 12 ~ Ross Semmelroch
- 14 ~ Jeanette Southern
- 15 ~ Sharon Hauler
- 16 ~ Natalie Breach
- 17 ~ Beverly Ratcliffe
- 19 ~ Timothy Shuller
- 19 ~ Emily Rowe
- 20 ~ Mark Little IV
- 21 ~ Robert Semmelroch
- 22 ~ Christopher Mumby
- 23 ~ Stephanie Brown
- 24 ~ Gloria Kachadorian
- 25 ~ Suzette Ho
- 27 ~ Jarell Lenaway
- 29 ~ Andrea Staley



- 2 ~ James & Kathy Shuller
- 4 ~ Tyrece & Jessica Coleman
- 10 ~ Timothy & Janis Shuller
- 15 ~ Edwin & Suzette Ho

# Christian Education



## Kids Club

### Hello Families!!!

Kids club is an after-school program for kids ages 5 to 8. Includes Bible Stories, Songs, Snack, Craft every Thursday from 4:30-5:30 pm.

First United Methodist of Ferndale/Education Wing/Room 205. All are welcome.

Ms. Alison Hastings, 248-268-4616

Ms. Kathy Arcese, 248-635-5919

Ms. Natalie Baeckeroot, 248-739-0857

## Coffee Hour

Spring is here, even if it doesn't feel like it. Talking about spring, why don't you spring into action and take a Coffee Hour just one Sunday out of the year?

I do need to give special appreciations to a few awesome persons. They filled up the months from January – June: Richard & Margaret Churchill, Beatrice Siwak, Verdell Bell, Blozel Gordon, Pat Lind, John & Julie Ptasznik, Larry Saville, Renee Polzin, Frank, Bob & Mary Lenaway, Mildred Allwood, Pastor Bob & Jill, Silviner & Iris Graham, Sammy Samuels, Nikki Norwood, Milzie Murdock, Mollie Monroe, Rick Churchill, Florence Zulick, (also Nick while he was with us). Thank you all.

If these persons can do a Coffee Hour on their own, every committee can step up and take one Sunday out of the year as a group. I know that the people above are on committees, some on more than one, but they blessed us by doing one on their own. Those individuals have done or are doing the first 5 months. I am now asking the committees to help by choosing at least one Sunday to help fill up the calendar for the rest of the year. That way the people who have already taken a Coffee Hour won't have to take another one. You can do one as a family. If you are not a part of a committee, ask a friend or two to take a Sunday with you. It can be simple finger foods like, bagels, cupcakes, fruit, or cheese & crackers etc....

You can sign up in the Coffee Hour Calendar which is kept on the table by the offices during the week. On Sundays the calendar is in the Social Hall.

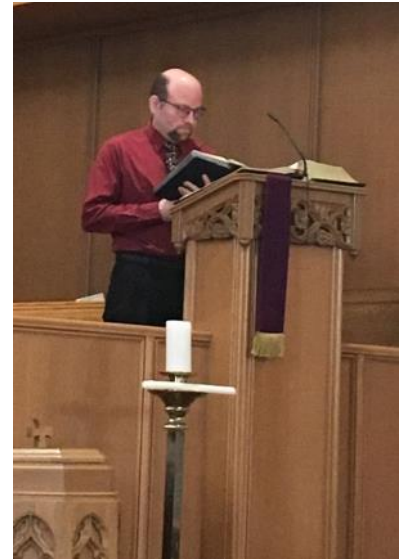
There will be no Coffee Hour on Easter Sunday. We will have an Easter Breakfast Potluck instead after the 8:00 am service. You can sign up on the clip board in the lobby (narthex) to bring a dish or whatever you like.

I pray you will think about taking a Sunday and I thank you in advance!

Sheila Colvin,  
Coffee Hour Coordinator



Rick Churchill doing the liturgy



## 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

(Commenting on John 12.1–8:) (Mary) anoints the feet of Jesus with a very expensive perfume—the equivalent of a year’s wages for the average worker—and then wipes his feet with her hair. (Judas) criticizes Mary’s action as an unnecessary waste of what could have been put to better use feeding the poor ... Judas is right: what Mary has done seems senseless in a world of so much need.

Yet Jesus reprimands Judas, telling him ... Mary is justified in her apparent waste not because the poor are not important, but rather because she takes a unique opportunity to express her overwhelming gratitude and love for her master...

The truth is that quite often we are more like Martha or even like Judas. In the midst of a pragmatic society, we wish to be efficient, to make certain that everything counts and that there is no waste. In the church we look for responsible budgets that make the best possible use of every cent. This is a requirement of responsible stewardship. However, for this to be true Christian stewardship it must be founded not primarily on efficiency but on an overwhelming love that leads to what others may consider mere waste.

We are preparing to celebrate Easter and the events surrounding it. It is a difficult time to be celebrating anything. There are millions of refugees ... who live in miserable conditions, who sometimes do not even have enough to eat ... We have turned politics into a cut-throat game in which the purpose is not to serve the needs of as many as possible but rather to amass as much power as one can while excluding those seen as “others.” ... all sorts of interests are involved in a runaway race to see who can gain the largest margins of profit, even at the cost of destroying the environment.

... How can we spend resources and energy preparing choirs to perform beautiful music, embellishing our church buildings, buying Easter lilies, sending greetings to others, and organizing pageants? ... If the church has beautiful music, attractive decorations, and well-designed pageants, perhaps more people will come and offerings will rise. All of this may be true. It may even be proper. But this is not the reason for our joyful celebrations and extravagant actions.

... Mary spills her perfume with wild abandon for no other reason than this: Jesus is there. There is no calculation here, no consideration for efficiency, no sense that this is a waste. There is nothing but sheer love and gratitude for what Jesus has done.

This does not mean that the poor are not important. On the contrary, Jesus establishes a parallel between himself and the poor. Now he is present, and Mary rightly feels the need to be extravagant. When he is no longer present in the flesh, the poor will still be there—to be served with the same extravagance.

—Justo Gonzalez, professor emeritus of historical theology, Candler School of Theology

## Cemetery Lot Available

A few years ago one of our member families gave the church several cemetery lots located in the lovely Roseland Park Cemetery in Royal Oak. We have one remaining lot now for sale at considerably less than market value. Please contact the church office if you are interested.



Kofi and Ms. Debbie preparing for the caterpillars to arrive. We’re raising butterflies for Lent.



# Opportunities Beyond the Local Church

**One Person Makes a Difference** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep Making Peace workshop. Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m. at University United Methodist Church. 1120 South Harrison Rd, East Landing, MI 48823. Register and choose two workshops. Early bird registration ends March 25. You can also pay at the event with cash or checks only please. \$30 per person or \$75 per carload of 3 or more persons by March 25 (early bird discount). \$35 per person or \$90 per carload of 3 or more persons by April 1. Students are free.

**Living Healthy-N-Happy 4 Christ** Join Heritage Family Church at 600 N. Campbell Royal Oak, for a day of free food, raffle prizes, exercise, worship, shopping, drama and music on Saturday, April 6, 2019 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Guest Speakers: John Kimani & Team (youth), David Charles (comedian) and Minister Mikiah Kreener.

**Local Church Auditors** The new Michigan Conference Treasurer's office is looking for people with a finance background, who are interested in becoming church auditors for our local churches. If you know of someone with a finance or accounting background who may be interested, please pass this on to them. Contact Jennifer Gertz at [jgertz@michiganumc.org](mailto:jgertz@michiganumc.org) or 517-347-4030 ext. 4135 with your contact information to be added to the auditor list to be shared on the Treasury website and with local churches.

**Gratitude Café** sponsored by Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery. April 27 10 am-12 pm. *The Menu offers a sampling of spiritual and contemplative practices to encourage exploration and enhancement of our levels of gratitude.* The basic items are conversation, reflection, journaling, coffee and tea. Weekly specials may include music, poetry meditation. 33 E. Adams, Detroit 48226. Parking available behind gallery in the lot off Elizabeth Street. Please RSVP to [felnerjcsmpmf74@gmail.com](mailto:felnerjcsmpmf74@gmail.com). Come even if you do not RSVP.

**St. Paul UMC Outreach Committee Bowling Fundraiser** to help raise funds for August Back to School Rally Supplies. Saturday, May 18 at 4:00 pm at Plum Hollow Lanes, 21900 W. 9 Mile Rd., Southfield. Join the fun with two hours of bowling, pizza & pop for a donation of \$20 per person (use of rental shoes included). They will also have a 50/50 raffle for \$1 per ticket. For ticket or more information contact: Cheryl Tipton at 313-580-3141 or Robbin Rivers at 313-806-1401.

**Wednesday Walks** is a weekly walk, departing from the City Hall parking lot at 5:30 pm and lasting 30-45 minutes. The start time is designed to be right as people are getting home from work - get a little exercise in before you get home and don't want to go out again in the cold! Guest walk leaders will keep things interesting and allow people to share information and opportunities. Experience the walkability and connectivity of Downtown Ferndale, and build a stronger community - both physically and supportively! If you would like to lead a walk and share some details about #DtwnFerndale, please let us know!

**Thursdays at the Museum: Highlights of the Permanent Collection (Tour).** Every Thursday at 1 p.m. the Detroit Institute of Arts offers programs for adults 55+. General museum admission is FREE for residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties. Tour the galleries and learn something new with an in-depth tour of the DIA's permanent collection. Located at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202. For more information on Thursdays at the Museum, call 313.833.4005.

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Friday, by appointment  
\*subject to change as pastoral and family needs dictate; appointments are always welcome

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## People connections:

Rev. Robert D. Schoenhals *Minister*  
Joseph Rush *Organist, Director of Music, Chancel and Handbell Choirs*  
Stacy Bellman *Office Manager*  
Deb Gehart *Special Needs Educator*

## Larger church connections:

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

## The United Methodist Church:

[www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org)

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[www.umc-gbcs.org](http://www.umc-gbcs.org)

**UM Communications:**

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

**General Bd. of Discipleship:**

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

**General Bd. of Global Ministries:**

[www.gbgm.org](http://www.gbgm.org) or [umcor.org](http://umcor.org)

**General Bd. of Higher Ed & Ministry:**

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**Bookstore:**

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[www.umccamps.org](http://www.umccamps.org)



# April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10a Regina's Food Truck 6p Music and Meditation 7p CGS Tiaze Prayer	2	3	4 7:3a Regina's Food Truck 7p CGS RCIA Class	5 8a Regina's Food Truck 7p CGS Stations of the Cross	6
7 2p MCYPAA	8:230p UMW Mission Team 6p Music & Meditation 7p Trustee Meeting 7p CGS Tiaze Prayer	9	10	11	12 9:30a Regina's Food Truck 7p CGS Stations of the Cross	13 12p Regina's Food Truck  6:30p Clawsonaires
14 Holy Week Palm Sunday 8:3a Regina's Food Truck	15	16	17	18 Maundy (Holy) Thursday  5p Prayer Vigil (come and go) 7p combined service at Zion Lutheran	19 Church Office Closed  12p Good Friday 1/2 hour Service 7p Good Friday	20 6p Game Night
21 Easter Sunday 8a Early Service 9a Breakfast 10:30 Easter Celebration 12 p Gender Identity Potluck	22 Church Office Closed	23	24 6p Free Community Dinner 6p Clothes Closet Open	25 7p Peace Action of MI Meeting	26 10a Regina's Food Truck	27 5:30a Regina's Food Truck 6:30p Clawsonaires
28 1:30p Shinndiggers Work-	29 1p Shinndiggers Workshop	30 9:30a Shinndiggers Workshop 10a Regina's Food Truck		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
- Tuesdays:**  
 9:00 am, Interiors Committee
- Wednesdays:**  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Christ the Good Shepherd Evening Mass
- Thursdays:**  
 10:4:30 pm Kids Club

### 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
- Monday's , Tuesday's Thursday's & Friday's** 6:00 am  
 D'Vine Cookies
- Wednesdays 2nd & 4th** 6:45 pm  
 Indivisible Fighting #9
- Last Wednesday's** 10:00 a.m.  
 Echano El Chal
- Fridays 6:30pm**  
 Count Club La Hacienda

**OTHER ON GOING ACTIVITIES**

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