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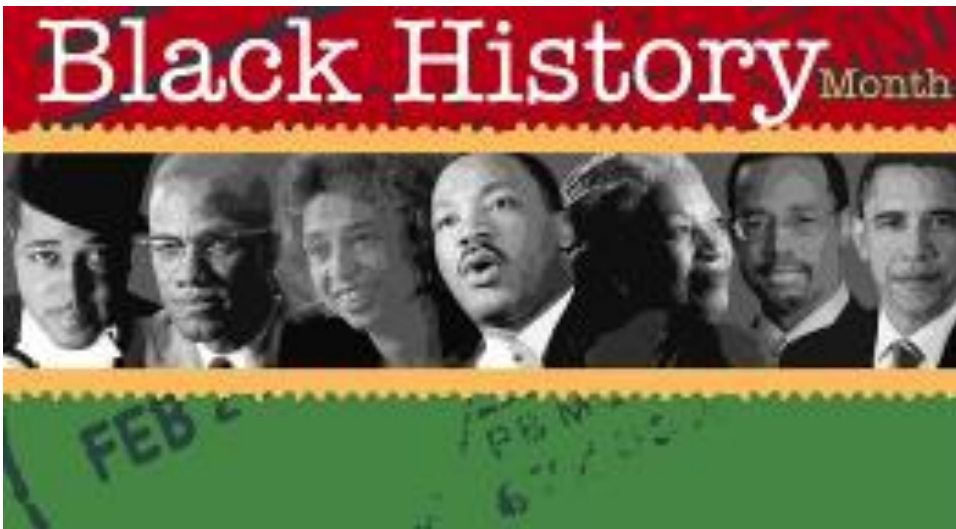
news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

February 2020



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Deadline for the March issue is February 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

MLK Needed Today

Annually, from the MLK Holiday through the end of Black History Month in February I spend time reading in the writings, sermons and speeches of Martin Luther King, Jr. I've come to believe he was arguably the greatest Christian leader of the 20th century, at least in the U. S. if not for most of the world. As I said Sunday, it's not what he chose for himself. God called him to it in spite of his initial reluctance, and he changed history. His wisdom and passion for justice are needed as much today as they were in 1957 when he proclaimed, *Give Us the Ballot* at a prayer rally in Washington D.C. Here is just a small portion of that speech (with a disclaimer for the non-inclusive language that was common in his times):

... There is something in our Christian faith, at the center of it, which says to us that Good Friday may occupy the throne for a day, but ultimately it must give way to the triumphant beat of the drums of Easter. There is something in our faith that says evil may so shape events, that Caesar will occupy the palace and Christ the cross, but one day that same Christ will rise up and split history into A.D. and B.C. so that even the name, the life of Caesar must be dated by his name. There is something in this universe which justifies Carlyle in saying: "No lie can live forever." There is something in this universe which justifies William Cullen Bryant in saying: "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." There is something in this universe which justifies James Russell Lowell in saying:

*Truth forever on the scaffold,
Wrong forever on the throne.
Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And behind the dim unknown
Stands God within the shadow,
Keeping watch above His own.*

Go out with that faith today. Go back to your homes in the Southland to that faith, with that faith today. Go back to Philadelphia, to New York, to Detroit and Chicago with that faith today, that the universe is on our side in the struggle. Stand up for justice. Sometimes it gets hard, but it is always difficult to get out of Egypt, for the Red Sea always stands before you with discouraging dimensions. And even after you've crossed the Red Sea, you have to move through a wilderness with prodigious hilltops of evil and gigantic mountains of opposition. But I say to you this afternoon: Keep moving. Let nothing slow you up. Move on with dignity and honor and respectability.

I realize that it will cause restless nights sometimes. It might cause losing a job; it will cause suffering and sacrifice. It might even cause physical death for some. But if physical death is the price that some must pay to free their children from a permanent life of psychological death, then nothing can be more Christian. Keep going today. Keep moving amid every obstacle. Keep moving amid every mountain of opposition. If you will do that with dignity, when the history books are written in the future, the historians will have to look back and say, "There lived a great people. A people with 'fleecy locks and black complexion,' but a people who injected new meaning into the veins of civilization.; a people which stood up with dignity and honor and saved Western civilization in her darkest hour; a people that gave new integrity and a new dimension of love to our civilization." When that happens, the morning stars will sing together, and the sons of God will shout for joy. (*end of speech*)

As I said Sunday at the end of the service, "We're not there yet." The specter of white supremacy looms over our entire country and our history. Those of us who are white are only now beginning to learn the whole truth of that, and there is still plenty of denial, even among good people. Let's commit ourselves to learning more during this season, open to having our minds changed by God. May Dr. King's words inspire us on the way to "keep moving."

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Worship at Ferndale First

February doesn't have many special Sundays, but during this time of winter our worship will be enhanced by reflections from Black History, with an opportunity to be inspired each week. Thanks to Dot Carter and others who will be assisting her in preparing for these Moments in Black History. In addition, our annual Teddy Bear Sunday (thanks to the UMW, the Lenaways, and other friends) will certainly enliven the month and bring a ray of sunshine into our lives and the lives of others. God could surprise us in February. See you in church!

Feb. 2 – 4th Sunday after Epiphany; brings us to grapple with some familiar yet troubling words from what we call The Sermon on the Mount. We know these words as The Beatitudes, Jesus' teaching on what it really means to be "blessed" in this world. Message: *Of Beatitudes and Fleas*, Matthew 5.1–12. *Holy Communion* and *Anointing with Oil* will be offered.

Feb. 9 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany; sometimes even God's people have to rethink what God wants of them. Occasionally we even get it wrong. That happened in Isaiah's day and sometimes in our own. How can we be sure we get it right? Message: *God in the Streets*, Isaiah 58.1–12. This is also *Teddy Bear Sunday*, so be prepared to bring in new stuffed animals for children without parents. (Also Scouting Ministries Sunday in some UMCs. If we have scouts who would like to come in uniform, that's cool.)

Feb. 16 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany; Jesus started from what most people considered to be the wise and prudent truth of the world, and then he said, "... but I say to you." Why did he have to be so picky and contrary? Message: *But Jesus Says*, Matthew 5.21–37.

Feb. 23 – Transfiguration Sunday; when Jesus was "transfigured," a vision of light seen by only three of his disciples, the event, maybe the high point of his earthly ministry, connected him with a bigger story that God is telling in the world. What can it reveal shining for us? Message: *Enough Light for Now*, Matthew 17.1–9, Exodus 24.12–18, 2 Peter 1.16–21.

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m. a service of penitence with the Imposition of Ashes that is the beginning of the season of Lent. It's important for those of us who take the Lenten journey to the cross seriously to begin this period of soul-searching and reflection with a quiet and thoughtful service. (For those who may not be able to attend that evening, there will be "drive through" Imposition of Ashes at St. Paul UMC on 8 Mile from 8–10 a.m.)

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.

FFUMC,

Just a note to tell you how very much worshipping with you these past few months has meant to us. Your welcome, friendliness, music, commitment to meeting the needs of others and especially Rev. Schoenhals' inspiring messages from the pulpit have been true blessings. His anointing prayer for our daughter and for us gave us the sense of peace we so needed.

We are going back to California for a while. We will take these gifts with us and see you when we return.

Our love and wishes for a joyous and peaceful 2020 to each of you.

Sincerely Gwen and Tom

Serving in February
Liturgists
2-Bob Porter
9-Alison Hastings
16-Kassandra (Kassie) Sims
23-Blosel Gordon

Ushers
Richard Churchill
Dot Carter
Nikki Vance

Coffee Hour
2-Bea Siwak
9-Pat Lind
16-Sheila Colvin (Hot Meal)
23-Volunteer Needed

Counters
(additional Counter needed; contact Karen King)
Karen King
Margaret Churchill
Greeters:
Jim and Pat Lind

Called to *Serve*

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.



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.

Mission and Outreach

Free Community Dinners



**the last Wednesday
of the month
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

Next Dinners: February 28, March 28, April 25, May 30, June 27

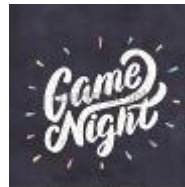
If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up or cooking the meal, please see the sign up sheets on the stand alone bulletin board in the social hall or **please contact Mary Lenaway (248)229-5685.** Thank you, Mary and everyone who helps! **Cost can be reimbursed.**

The Clothes Closet will be open in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December until 7:00 pm on Community Dinner nights and is located in Room 105 at the end of the lower level hall. On the other months it will be open as needed.



Cookie decorating was one of several activities at our Advent Fair

Community Card & Game Night Ferndale First United Methodist Church



Saturday, Feb. 15th, March 21st, April 18th,
May 16th, June 20th

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

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

This is a home line, cannot receive text messages.

Coffee Hour

Happy New Year Everyone,

Well now that everyone is all rested up from the busy holidays, (Ha), it is time plan ahead and choose the Sunday that you really want for Coffee Hour before they are all taken. If you have a special day that you would like to celebrate or acknowledge sign up for it now while the calendar is pretty empty. The calendar is kept by the offices during the week and in the Social Hall on Sundays.

This year I am asking that Committees take a Sunday. I understand that many of you who are on committees will do a coffee hour on your own or with your family, but if you do it as a committee it can take less work than doing it by yourself. So Committees get together around the Calendar and choose a Sunday. The UMW chooses the 2nd Sunday of November every year. Maybe you all can consider doing that too.

Thank you in advance,
Sheila Colvin,
Coffee Hour Coordinator



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.**

The United Methodist Women

Greetings!!

Here we are in a New Year, first thanking God for His love, His grace and His mercy. As United Methodist Women, we strive to turn faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, youth and children around the world. It is not an easy project, but someone has to do it. I am very positive with the members of our Unit, we can be involved in whatever it takes to help. As most of you may know, our President, Kathy Shuller, will be away for a few months, so I take great pleasure filling in for her.

There are a few important dates to remember. First, The Greater Detroit District (GDD) will hold its Annual Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 8, 2020, starting at 8:30 a.m. At Redford Aldersgate UMC, located at 10000 Beech Daly Rd, Redford Charter Township, MI 48239. There is a deadline for registration. If you plan to attend, please see Liz Nasser for more information. Our "Teddy Bear Sunday" will be on Sunday, February 9, 2020. Please bring your new stuffed toy before or on that date. This year the toys will be delivered to the Methodist Children's Home in Redford. Thank you in advance.

A very big "Thank You to our Secretary, Alison Hastings, for getting our 2020 UMW books ready very early. Job well done. As the New Year begins, let us not forget our Sisters do meet on Mondays at 12 noon. We not only meet to socialize, but we enjoy reading and discussing the Scriptures. Won't you please join us?

All are welcome. Our Reading Program is in full swing. To learn more, please see Dot Carter. You will be glad you did. Let us remember all our sick and shut-ins, and all the great things God has done for us and is still doing. Until then....

Blessings
Blosel Gordon, V. President

Christian Education



Kids Club Hello Families!!!

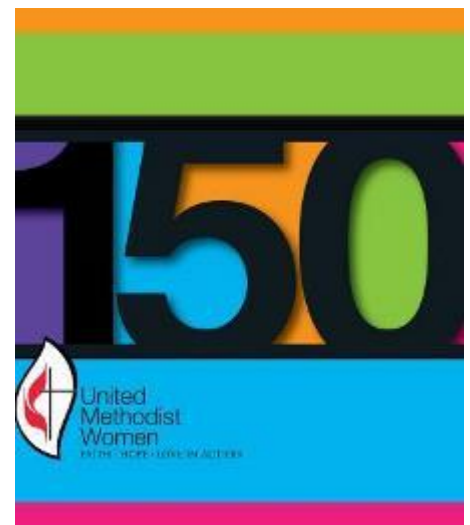
Every Thursday at 4:30pm, kids from age 5 to 9. Bible Stories, Songs, Snack, Craft
First United Methodist of Ferndale/Education Wing/Room 205.

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 Baeckerroot, 248-739-0857



The Kids Club: Owen, Chelbi and Michael, singing in worship.



Anniversaries

23 – James & Betty Joyce Nicholls



February Birthdays

- 3 – Justin Sikes
- 3 – Abigail Krycian
- 4 – Karina Niner
- 4 – John Lemelin
- 7 – Joyce Luxon
- 8 – Gwen Elbert
- 8 – Marcie Baeckerroot
- 9 – Meghan Daily
- 11 – Zeke Yambor
- 11 – Riley McPherson
- 12 – Lily Vo
- 14 – Georgetta Kettler
- 14 – Kelly Grogan
- 15 – Kofi Grant
- 16 – Holly Breach
- 16 – Kaylee Radtke
- 16 – Elijah DeFillippo
- 18 – Elliott Sears
- 20 – Natalie Baeckerroot
- 21 – Alexis Thompson
- 22 – Shirley Young
- 22 – Natasha Grose
- 23 – David Freeman
- 23 – Ekito Burde
- 26 – Joyce Williams
- 26 – Lisa McIlvenna
- 28 – Megan Staley
- 28 – Mikala Harrison

Giving and Living

In her new book *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass traces her evolution from being a self-described ungrateful person to discovering the power of gratitude to change her own life and then, after research, a new awareness that as a Christian and citizen, gratitude could change the world.

... I'm coming away from her book with two ideas that bear repeating, not just for me personally, but for us as stewardship leaders, too.

The first is rooted in history. Dr. Bass unpacks a concept of gratitude (and generosity), the Western version, most clearly practiced in the structure of the Roman Empire. She attaches the phrase *quid pro quo* to this understanding because there was an expectation that the generosity of the emperor was to be returned...

Does this feel familiar to you? If you are the beneficiary of someone's generosity, do you feel an obligation to "return the favor" even if it's just in the form of effusive thanks? If you are the benefactor, do you recognize an expectation in yourself that your beneficiary should be particularly attentive to you for your graciousness?

Unfortunately, this makes generosity transactional, consumeristic. Dr. Bass proposes that our faith invites us into a different way of being together. She suggests we think *pro bono*, a system where everyone is on par with everyone else, and we each share from our abundance, peer to peer...

One of the challenges of modern, middle class, privileged life is that we can so easily lose track of the tailwinds that help us in ways we may not even register. Our neurological predispositions lead us to pay more attention to the headwinds that create friction in our lives. This was biologically helpful to the survival of our ancestors, but it dampens our ability to be grateful for the "blessings" we receive daily, often in very small but persistent ways.

If we exclude or downsize in our conversation and consciousness the beauty of the generosity that surrounds us, it's not a far stretch to see that it will be harder to be generous and grateful in our daily lives.

What is that beauty? The miracle of breathing comes to mind, along with the flow of the seasons, the joy of being together with loved ones, the bond of sharing stories of faith in community, and the wonder of gathering for a simple meal of remembrance and hope in worship.

All of these things are quite miraculous when you stop and think about it (God's largess!).

Catherine Malotky is Grant and Project Manager for the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary.



Preparing for the No-Rehearsal Nativity Play. Three "kings" ready to travel.

Pastor's Discretionary HELP Fund

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

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

We try to have enough on hand to be able to meet one major need while keeping a supply of gift cards and bus passes for those with smaller needs. Currently the fund is low and we have given out all of our gift cards.

Thank you for your generous support for people in need.

Opportunities Beyond the Local Church

An Open Conversation on Race in America will be held for three Mondays in February the 3rd, 10th, and 17th 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The PBS series “*Race: The Power of an Illusion*” will be presented over the three evenings. Each session will include a panel response and audience discussion. At University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols, Detroit, in the Bargman Room, 2nd floor of the Library. Free Parking, enter at McNichols gate. Refreshments will be served. For more information call to text 412-334-7690.

Preschool - Ferndale Early Childhood Center; Kindergarten Open House, Tuesday, February 4th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM, 2610 Pinecrest Dr. Ferndale, MI 48220, Phone: (248) 548-1950; **Preschool Open House**, Thursday, February 27th at 6:00 - 7:00 PM, 2920 Burdette, Ferndale, MI 48220, (248) 586-8815 Ferndale Schools' Early Childhood Center (FECC) is a high-quality preschool servicing children age 3 and up is FREE to Oakland County families who qualify. Our building hosts Ferndale Head Start, The Great Start Readiness Program, our District's Early Childhood Special Education program, and Little Eagles Preschool, our tuition-based program. Preschoolers must be 3 years old by September 1st, 2020. RSVP Here <https://www.ferndaleschools.org/openhouse/>

UMW Greater Detroit District 2020 Annual Prayer Breakfast Saturday, February 8, 2020. Guest Speaker Amanda Mountain, United Methodist Deaconess and Director, Motown Mission. 'Where God Guides', He Provides, Isaiah 58:11. Redford Aldersgate UMC, 10000 Beech Daly Rd., Redford Charter Twp., MI 48239. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., breakfast at 9:00 a.m., program 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Please make checks payable to “UMW Greater Detroit District”. Send reservations by February 1, 2020 to: Linda Pittman, 18121 Midway Ave., Southfield, MI 48075; deedepittman@gmail.com Questions? Call Tina Campbell at 313-529-5686

Chia Chat Love, support and understanding in all relationships. Feb 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. –8:30 p.m. Troy Public Library, 510 W Big Beaver Road. If you're looking to better understand the LGBTQ+ community and become an ally, this free information and supportive discussion session is for you. Organized by Tribalfare in partnership with Affirmations.

A Campaign of Prayer, Fasting and Action FAMILIES IN FLIGHT The Campaign has begun. The Campaign ends: Saturday, April 4, 2020 - 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Holy Hour for Families in Flight. For more info: 313-549-0421 or strangersnolonger11@gmail.com.

Home Plate 2020 Program, Souvenirs, and Baseball Game Saturday, June 13, Comerica Park Each \$29 ticket provides you with souvenirs, pre-game program at 12:30PM and followed by the 4:10PM game between the Detroit Tigers and the Toronto Blue Jays. See Stacy Bellman in church office for more info.

19th Amendment at 100 Women's Voices Then and Now Hosted by the Women's Caucus for Art, Michigan Center. In a time when women's rights are being denigrated, women's health and bodies are being threatened, and women's pay is still unequal, it is important to remember the strength of the suffrage movement that established women's right to vote. Honor and recognize the centennial of the 19th Amendment that was ratified on August 18, 1920. Commemorate this pivotal moment in women's rights with art. The exhibit continues through February 29th. at Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery, 33 East Adams Ave. Detroit.

The Michigan United Team Have you been a lawful permanent resident for more than 5 years? Take the next step and become a full fledged American Citizen. Come to our free citizenship class and take the exam with confidence because you'll know exactly what to expect. Begin your journey towards full civic engagement. There's still time to vote in the upcoming election. Citizenship guarantees you permanent protection from deportation. It also gives you the opportunity to petition for family members. Don't delay. This administration is attempting to raise citizenship fees. The sooner you apply, the better! So get out your green card and a state issued ID and come to the Michigan United office located at 4405 Wesson Detroit, MI 48210. Classes are held each Wednesday from 6-7:30 pm.

Contact us:

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

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*subject to change as pastoral and family needs dictate; appointments are always welcome

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General Bd of Global Ministries:

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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

29 Leaders/Events/Facts to honor this Black History Month; one for every day of February

1. Black History Month began as Negro History Week.
2. Stevie Wonder helped make Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday with the assistance of special lyrics from his "Happy Birthday" song.
3. The dance form of stepping originated in Africa. The African gumboot dance is credited as being stepping's biggest influence.
4. In 2008, Usain Bolt became the first man to win three world records at a single Olympics event.
5. The *Black Panther* character first appeared in comics in 1966.
6. A full-time nurse named Marie Van Brittan Brown invented the first home security system.
7. Countries like the United Kingdom and the Netherlands celebrate Black History Month in October.
8. One of the most prominent doctors of his time, Dr. Charles Drew created the first major blood banks, blood plasma programs and bloodmobiles.
9. The Black Panthers launched programs such as free dental care, free breakfast, and drama classes in under-served black communities.
10. Lisa Gelobter invented the Gif. Thank her for making your tweets so funny!
11. Lincoln University in Pennsylvania became the first degree-granting institution of higher education for African Americans. It paved the way for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).
12. Cathay Williams became the first and only female Buffalo soldier in 1866. She would pose as a male for two years until a doctor discovered that she was a woman, which led to her immediate discharge.
13. The year 2019 marks 400 years since the first documented Africans arrived in the United States via Point Comfort, Virginia.
14. John Mercer Langston became the first African American lawyer in the United States when he passed the bar in 1854. He's also the great-uncle of famed Harlem Renaissance poet Langston Hughes.
15. Hiram Rhodes Revels became the first African American person elected to the U.S. Senate. She served from February 1870 to March 1871.
16. Elijah McCoy is regarded as one of the most prominent black inventors ever. He's credited for inventing over 50 devices in his career, including a "lubricating cup," which automatically dripped oil when needed.
17. Mathematician and scientist Benjamin Banneker is credited for designing the layout of Washington, D.C.
18. Politician and educator Shirley Chisholm survived three assassination attempts during her campaign for the Democratic nomination for the United States presidency in 1972.
19. The largest women's organization is the National Council of Negro Women, which was founded by educator and political leader Mary McLeod Bethune.
20. Xavier University, a historically black college in Louisiana, has one of the highest success rates in the country for getting their graduates into medical school.
21. Thomas L. Jennings (1791-1859) was the first African American person to receive a patent in the U.S.
22. Allensworth is the only California community to be founded, financed and governed by African Americans. Created by Allen Allensworth in 1908, the town was built with the intention of establishing a self-sufficient, all-black city where African Americans could live their lives free of racial discrimination.
23. Halle Berry was the first African American to win an Academy award for Best Actress for her role in *Monster's Ball*.
24. Aretha Franklin was not only the first African American woman inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, but the first woman, period.
25. Hattie McDaniel, the first African American to win an Oscar, was not allowed to attend the national premiere of *Gone With The Wind*, the film featuring her award-winning performance, because she was black.
26. Nat King Cole was the first African American to reach #1 on the Billboard charts and the first African American to host his own television show.
27. In 1921, an entire city in Oklahoma was burned to the ground due to a racial disturbance and retaliation. This was the Tulsa Race Riot.
28. Quincy Jones is the most Grammy-nominated artist in the history of the awards show with 79 nominations and 27 wins.
29. Phillis Wheatley was the first published African American female author. She was a servant who published her first poem at the age of 12 in the mid 1700s

How many did you know?



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)*

Credit to Revolt TV and Janelle Harris



February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First United Methodist Church of Ferndale 22331 Woodward Ave Ferndale MI, 48220 Phone: 2485454467 Fax: 2485450238 E-mail: ferndalefirstumc@ameritech.net						1
2 6:15a Regina's Food Truck GROUND HOG DAY 	3 7p Outreach	4	5	6	7	8 Regina's Food Truck
9 Regina's Food Truck 10:30a Annual Teddy Bear Sunday	10 5:45p Together We Can Mtg. 2p UMW Team Mtg. 6:3p Centro Cultural Hispano Board Mtg.	11 6:15a Regina's Food Truck 6:45p Fighting #9	12	13	14 	15 5:3p Game Night
16	17 	18 6:15a Regina's Food Truck 7p Christian Ed Mtg	19	20	21	22 6:3p Clawsonaires Square Dance
23	24	25 6:15a Regina's Food Truck	26  10a Echando el Chal 6p Community Dinner 6p Clothes Closet 6:45p Fighting #9	27 7p Peace Action of MI Mtg.	28	29

Regular Church-related Activities:

- Sundays:
 - 9:15 am Sunday School/ Children Sunday School Room 204/ Adults Lower Conference Room 102
 - 10:30 am Worship Service
- Mondays:
 - 12 Noon Sisters Class
- Wednesdays:
 - 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thursdays:
 - 9:00 am Interiors Committee
 - 4:30 pm Kids Club
 - 7:00 pm Thursday Bible Study

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
- Last Wednesday's 10:00 a.m.
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OTHER ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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