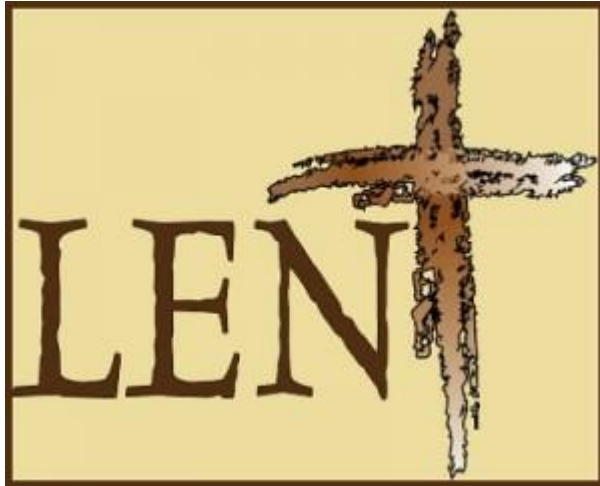




First Life

news from Ferndale First United Methodist Church

March 2020



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Sunday, March 8, 2020

Deadline for the April issue is **March 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

What Is Truth? (about Immigrants and Others)

The last funeral I conducted in the congregation I served before coming to Ferndale was for a father of young twin girls. He was caught in the crossfire of a drug deal gone bad. His daughters were left fatherless because he happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. As usual, politicians proclaim and pundits pontificate and sometimes prevaricate about violence, guns and even about drugs while people die. The issues are more complex than the sound-bite solutions so often seen in the media. Yet many people are smarter than candidates give them credit for when they are presented with facts rather than fears.

Characterizing people attempting to enter the U.S. from our southern borders as “drug dealers, thugs, and rapists” is one example of the fear-mongering misinformation that attempts to connect those coming to the U. S. under the most difficult circumstances with drug trafficking. Nothing could be further from the truth. People attempting to immigrate here are often fleeing for their lives. We know about people who were turned back who were then murdered in their own countries. Some are seeking a degree of freedom that they don’t have in their own countries. Some are seeking to find work so they can send money back to families. And there are *many* other reasons for wanting to try for a fresh start in America. But with the kind of screening that immigrants need to go through in order to be allowed to even set foot in this country, the notion that many are drug dealers is utterly absurd. These people aren’t stupid enough to be dealing drugs, knowing that they will be searched immediately when they cross our borders. And those who attempt to cross illegally at unguarded locations along the border are also highly unlikely to be carrying drugs, knowing they are fair game to be killed and robbed by anyone along the way. Plus it’s to their advantage to be traveling as light as possible.

As for the “thugs and rapists,” that shouldn’t even need to be dignified with a comment. It is highly unlikely that immigrants have added a significant number to those who were already here! They need to be on their best behavior, especially in the early months of seeking asylum or a new beginning. They know they are being watched.

Drugs mostly come into the country via private planes and landing strips and ships — using “drug mules,” people who are trained to avoid detection, who are paid to take the risks for the drug lords that operate in many parts of the world, not just in the global south. Today’s opioid epidemic started with prescription drugs until the situation got out of hand. The medical community either realized too late or covered up the true nature of the problem until it could no longer be avoided. Nor is today’s opioid crisis something new in our history. Around the turn of the 20th century there was an opioid crisis worse than the current one. Other street drugs, with the exception of heroin (an opioid) are actually showing signs of decline. The users who come to us at FUMCF for assistance are the most obvious, but they are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to people who are just trying to escape the ugliness of their lives for a little while. The numbing of pain, whether physical or emotional or even spiritual, causes us to turn to those who claim to be able to help us. And how we want to believe we can live pain free! Not so.

The so-called “war on drugs” is an utter failure. The notion that “getting tough on drugs” through harsh sentencing has long since been proven counterproductive. People with drug dependencies need treatment not punishment. Further complicating any chance at a solution was the growth of the private prison industry for so many years. Incarcerating people, too often people of color, for minor street drug offenses is what keeps these for-profit enterprises running at capacity. Any attempt at rehabilitation takes away the potential for housing a repeat offender. Instead, the authorities in these places tend to look the other way when people are supplied with drugs in prison. Adicts will likely be back! We can offer a prayer of thanks to God that people are catching on, and some of these prisons are being closed. *(continued)*

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So what does any of this have to do with Lent? The connection is small but significant. In the last week of his earthly life Jesus was subject to corrupt authorities who were willing to lie to keep their power and get their way. Pilate asked, "What is truth?" and we don't really know if he meant the question sincerely or if he was simply being ironic. Politicians tend to the ironic often enough. And truth is often the casualty when power is at stake.

During those hours Jesus knew firsthand the prison system and brutality of his day. We'd like to think we are more humane today, and overall we are, but there are still people who die in custody, battered and broken with questions unanswered. And on the cross he was offered something to drink — the Gospels differ on what it was — but some scholars believe it was a sedative, a drug. Jesus refused because of his unflinching commitment to his mission. Just saying "no" is not an option for some today. They need the help of the medical, legal and religious communities to get another chance.

When we look at our world and the coming months that will help decide the future of our nation, we need to ask, "What is truth?" and then stand for it. And in the back of our heads ring the words of Jesus, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

But Easter is coming.

Rev. Bob

Kofi's birthday was a fun celebration after worship!



Pastor Bob and the Children pray for the 138 Teddy Bears donated to the Methodist Children's Home.



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

March 2020

March has us traveling through Lent on the journey to Jerusalem with Jesus. Along the way we may look at some pertinent Hebrew scriptures, but mostly we'll be focusing on what we can learn as we follow Jesus toward conflict, a cross, a tomb and what comes after. Join us in worship, remembering that the Sundays in Lent (not of Lent) are actually not counted in the 40 days of Lent but are miniature foretastes of Easter.

March 1 – 1st Sunday in Lent; Lent always begins with a return to Jesus' struggle with temptation in the desert. What can be gained by looking at these stories year after year? Maybe more than we expect. Message: *To the Power of One*, Matthew 4.1–11, Genesis 2.4b–9, 15–17, 25; 3.1–17, Romans 5.12–19. *Holy Communion* and *Anointing with Oil* will be offered.

March 8 – 2nd Sunday in Lent; when Jesus told Nicodemus “you must be born again,” what did that really mean, and what does it mean today? There's a bigger picture here that needs to be seen so we can embrace Jesus' call to a new kind of life. Message: *Jesus Talks to a Troubled Theologian*, John 3.1–17.

March 15 – 3rd Sunday in Lent; Jesus didn't always play by the rules of his society, and he met people wherever they were along the way. A woman at a well at midday was more bizarre than we realize. Message: *Jesus Talks to a Wondering Woman*, John 4.5–26 (42), Exodus 17.3–7, Romans 5.1–11.

March 22 – 4th Sunday in Lent; even among the outcasts, the forgotten or the ignored, there is always the possibility of humor and the possibility of hope. A blind man shows us both, and Jesus makes the difference. Message: *Jesus Talks to a Bitter Blind Man*, John 9.1–41.

March 29 – 5th Sunday in Lent; Jesus friend has died, and he wasn't there. It's troubling and yet there is always room for hope. That hope will inspire us too. Message: *Jesus Talks to a Dead Guy*, John 11.1–45.

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.

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5. Worship at FUMCF will celebrate with our Kids' Choir, palms, and a Palm Sunday Message or Dramatic Presentation.

Holy Thursday Services, April 9, 7:00 p.m. *Service of Tenebrae* in the Sanctuary (tentative; possibly combined).

Good Friday Service, April 10, 7:00 p.m., possibly a combined service with several other congregations. Details to be announced.

Easter Sunday Worship, April 12:

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

Serving in February

Liturgists

1~Norm Kern
8~Richard Fowler
15~Jeff Parker
22~Yoan Alfaro
29~Blosel Gordon

Ushers

Liz Nasser
Milzie Murdock
Mollie Monroe

Coffee Hour

1~ Richard & Margaret Churchill
8~Volunteer Needed
15~Bob & Mary Lenaway
22~Volunteer Needed
29~Dot Carter & Sammy Valentine

Counters

(additional Counter needed; contact Karen King)

Karen King
Natalie Baeckeroot
Kathy Arcese

Greeters:

1~Jacquelin Windham
8~Margaret Churchill
15~Jacquelin Windham
22~Margaret Churchill
29~Margaret 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. Contact her at (248)547-5769.

Called to *Serve*

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

Spring Fling Dinner & Dance Fundraiser

Saturday, April 4, 2020
At Ferndale First United Methodist Church
22331 Woodward, Ferndale, MI 48220



Doors Open @ 5:00 pm
Supper from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Dancing 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Adults \$15
Couple \$25
Youth \$10
(0 - 4 Free)
Senior & Vets \$10

Prices slightly higher at the door

Door Prize for every ticket purchased
Silent Auction & Raffle Tickets for sale

Menu – Italian Food, Salad, Rolls, Cold & Hot Refreshments, Desserts
Dancing – Variety of Music

For more details contact Larry Saville at 248-397-8065(home) please leave a detailed message

Benefit MI Fallen Heroes Foot Float & Ferndale First United Methodist Church

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: *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.



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



Well I hope that spring will get here soon like the ground hog said.

Committees? I still haven't heard from you about which Sunday you will be choosing.

Like I have expressed before, I do understand that many of you are on many committees and have taken Sundays on your own to do with family or friends, but if you try it with a committee it will be less work. So *please* committees get together around the calendar during coffee hour and choose a Sunday. I really don't want to have to pick for you!

There are some, along with myself, who can't keep filling in on the Sundays when there is no volunteer; we just cannot afford it anymore. On those Sundays where there is no volunteer we will not be having Coffee Hour. So please consider doing a Coffee Hour.

It only takes a snack that goes with coffee and tea. For example, bagels, cupcakes, fruit, donuts, chip & dip, brownies, etc.... Meals aren't expected.

Thank you in advance,
Sheila Colvin,
Coffee Hour Coordinator

The United Methodist Women

Greetings!

Here we are in the third month of the year. There is so much to look forward to in the coming months. As for now, we will be very happy to deal with the present. A big thank you to all the ladies who attended the Greater Detroit District Prayer Breakfast, held on 2/8/2020, at Redford Aldersgate UMC. The program was well worth attending. Also, thanks to our UMW member, Mary Lenaway, for delivering the 140 Teddy Bears that were collected, to the Methodist Children's Home in Redford

There are a few upcoming events that members are invited to attend. Warren First UMC annual Lenten Breakfast. It will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Its a free breakfast, but reservations have to be made by 3/9/2020. Wyandotte First UMC is hosting a Mission Program on Saturday, March 14, 2020, starting at 9:00 a.m. For more information on these events, please see Blossel or Liz or Alison. Please mark your calendar for our Mission work. We will be going to Gleaners on April 28, 2020, starting at 9:30 a.m. It might seem too early to mention Rummage Sale, but we want all interested in helping to be prepared. (Detailed information in regards to our Annual Rummage Sale will be coming soon)

Our Sisters Class do meet on Mondays at 12 noon. Please join us as we read and discuss the Scriptures. Let us remember all the great things God has done for us, giving us the knowledge and strength to be active, helpful and encouraging to each other. Remember the sick and shut-ins in your prayers.

Until then, blessings to all,
Blossel Gordon, V. President

Christian Education

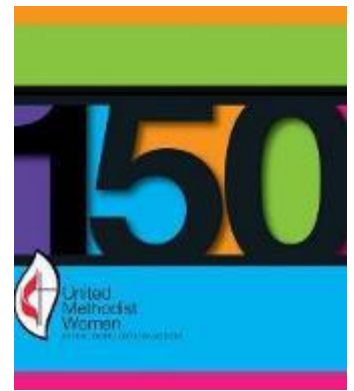


Thursday Bible Studies. We are studying the Hebrew scriptures (aka The Old Testament or First Testament) New Students welcome, 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. for light meal prior). This class is led by Norm Kern and Rev. Bob. Four chapters are read and discussed each week.

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 Baekeroot, 248-739-0857



Anniversaries
9 ~ Daniel & Julianne Fuller



March Birthdays

1 ~ Jamie Schmidt
1 ~ Drayton Vivier
5 ~ Hannah Shomo
6 ~ James Nicholls
7 ~ Roosevelt Sims
12 ~ Patricia Lind
12 ~ Donna Siegmund
12 ~ AnDrea Nagy
12 ~ Jacob Sines
15 ~ Patricia West
19 ~ Mya Riccardi
23 ~ Adam Breach
25 ~ Frances Schlottman
26 ~ Rick Churchill
29 ~ Eleanor Lemelin
31 ~ Matthew Nahan

Thank You

Thank You!
From the French United Methodist Church Pastors, Gertude Mukalay Mwadi and John Kabala Ilunga Ngoie for attending or contributing to our Grand Opening Celebration on January 26, 2020. May God bless you and keep you! Please know that you are always welcome at the French UMC!

Giving and Living

(Editor's Note: Please use your imagination and substitute "FUMCF" for "Our Saviour's".)

... Many variables influence my income, included contracts with different insurance companies (each with different reimbursement rates), deductibles, and client pay agreements along with varying caseload numbers. These years have proven that income comes in steadily but is definitely more abundant during the last six months of the calendar year than the first six. Bottom line, my message to all of you is give what you can when you can. No problem.

All of this is encouragement, but here's a very personal reason why I give. When children came into my life, I wanted to surround them with people they could turn to when they could not or did not want to turn to me. I wanted to surround them with a community of people who shared my values and loved them dearly. And, helped me to provide them with experiences that I alone could not provide ...

I encourage you to look to this faith community in the same way you invest for your financial future in your 401K. (This) is an investment in your family, your children, and your spirituality. This is more than paying the pastor's salary or paying the electric bill, though that is very important. This is your spiritual health and survival. This is your extended family and we are your people.

Here's how I know this is true. As you know, my daughter, Liza, is studying abroad this semester, and it's been a great time for her to reflect on her life. Last week she shared with me, "Mom, I really don't miss you. I know we are good. But, Mom, I really miss Our Saviour's. I miss worship. I miss participating in worship. I really miss the people of Our Saviour's."

Yes, Liza misses you, the people of Our Saviour's! This is what investing your money and your time in this place can reap. Her admission warmed my mother's heart more than you could ever know. Thank you for this powerful gift to me and to my children.

Our Saviour's is a worthy cause for so many reasons, our justice work for sure, but also the vitality of the faith community we have together. Invest today and share what you can when you can and if you get a little extra along the way, think of Our Savior's. You won't be disappointed. Your return is guaranteed!

Elaine Johnson shares her life with her college-aged daughter and son, her dear friend Peg, and three schipperkes; Foxy, Pepper, and Gidget. Professionally, she has been a licensed psychologist and alcohol and drug counselor for over three decades and last, but not least, has the same amount of time in membership and humble gratitude to the staff and members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis.

Worship, Music and Fine Arts

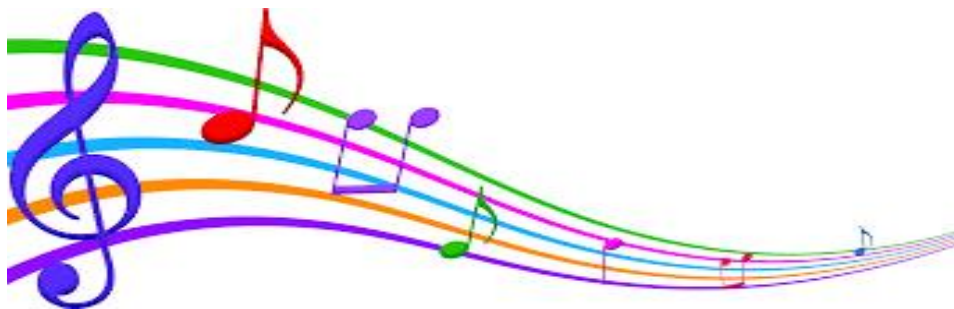
Music and Meditation, Come and join us during Lent for our Monday evening music programs. Starting March 9th, we will have music in the sanctuary from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm followed by a light meal. Come experience this time of prayer and meditation as we journey through the season of Lent.

3/9 - Owen & Sue Ho with Joe Rush
Cook - Natalie Baeckeroot

3/16 - Alison Hastings & Bev Ratcliffe
Cook - Julie McManus & Sue Ho

3/23 - Choirs from Detroit School of Arts
Cook - Verdell Bell & Mildred Allwood

3/30 - Joe Rush
Cook - Mary Lenaway



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. We recently helped a homeless person with a major car repair so they could keep their job. Currently the fund is low and we have given out all of our gift cards and bus passes. There are people with needs waiting to hear from us when we get more help.

Thank you for your generous support for people in need.

Opportunities Beyond the Local Church

Gesu Peace & Justice Team Nonviolence Skills Training. Saturday, March 15 at 9:00 am-5:00pm at Gesu Parish Center, North Room, 17180 Oak, Detroit, MI 48221. Facilitators: Kim Redigan Mary Hanna, both MPT trainers. The cost is \$40. No one will be turned away. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER to Marge, mmsears1212@gmail.com or 248-225-0564 or to Jackie, jackief248@sbcglobal.net or 313-409-1044 so they have enough food and manuals. Participants are required to make the entire day of training in order to foster trust and community throughout the day. Training Includes: materials, manuals and simple meals.

The Sultan and the Saint (a docudrama film about Muslim/Christian Peacemaking), A Muslim Unity Center event that is hosted at Bloomfield Hills High School hosted, 4200 Andover Rd. Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 5:30-8:30pm. Invite only event, free admission with registration. RSVP by March 15, 2020 <https://tinyurl.com/mucsultan>. For more information mucinterfaith@gmail.com.

Greater Detroit District Lay Servant Ministries Training Spring Classes: CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER ACADEMY Cohort #2 Module 1, March 12 – 31, See times in Course Syllabus, Zoom and Conant Avenue UMC, 18600, Detroit, MI 48234. CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL GIFTS BOOT CAMP, April 23 – 27, Thursday Zoom 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Friday On-Site 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday On-Site 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sunday, Zoom 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Clarenceville UMC 20300 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia, MI 48152. CINCO DE MAYO WORSHIP CELEBRATION OF CULTURE, May 5, 5:00 p.m. at Metropolitan UMC, 8000 Woodward Ave, Detroit, MI 48202.

Heritage District United Methodist Women Prayer Brunch Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:00 am–12:00 pm at Dixboro United Methodist Church, 5221 Church Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. All are welcome! UMW Membership is not required.

Early (Disaster) Response Team (ERT) Workshops: SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020 – CLARKSTON: Clarkston First UMC, 6600 Waldron Road, Clarkston, MI, 8:30 a.m. (registration & Coffee), 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (class training) Your registration for this training must be received by March 20, 2020. SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020 - SOUTH LYON: South Lyon First UMC, 640 South Lafayette, South Lyon, MI, Your registration for this training must be received by April 24, 2020 The cost is \$35 which includes manual, snacks, lunch, Badge, T-shirt and VV background check. To register for either event, complete the appropriate registration form (for either the Clarkston or the South Lyon event), and e-mail it to Bob Freysinger at: Email: pastorrf913@yahoo.com. See bulletin boards for more details. For more information you can contact Bob Freysinger (Trainer) at Cell: 517.812.0762 or email.

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.

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:

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(Voice mail available 24 hours)

Minister's Hours:* Mon., - Thurs.,
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*subject to change as pastoral and family needs dictate; appointments are always welcome

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People connections:

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Joseph Rush *Organist, Director of Music, Chancel and Handbell Choirs*
Stacy Bellman *Office Manager*
Deb Gehart *Special Needs Educator*

Larger church connections:

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District Superintendent
Bishop David Bard
Michigan Area Bishop

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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	2	3	4	5 7p Bible Study	6 World Day of Prayer	7
8 5p Young People Can AA special mtg. 	9 2p UMW Mission 5:45p Together We Can Mtg. 6:3p Centro Cultural Hispano Mtg. 7p Trustees Mtg.	10	11	12 7p Bible Study	13	14 9:3a SEMA Mtg. 6:3p Clawsonaires Square Dance Club
15	16	17	18	19 7p Bible Study	20	21
22 UMCOR Sunday (offering)	23	24 6:30p Finance Meeting 7:15 Ad Council Meeting	25 6p Free Community Dinner 6p Clothes Closet Open	26 7p Bible Study	27	28
29	30	31	First United Methodist Church of Ferndale 22331 Woodward Ave Ferndale MI, 48220 Phone: 2485454467 Fax: 2485450238 E-mail: ferndalefirstumc@ameritech.net			

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 Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.
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OTHER ON GOING ACTIVITIES

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