



The MESSENGER

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

February 2012

John Bell in “A Spiritual/Global Celebration”

Friday, February 3, 2012

7:00 p.m.

John Bell Seminar: “10 Things They Never Told Me about Jesus”

Loud Lecture sponsored by the Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan

Saturday, February 4, 2012

10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Music Workshop with John Bell: “Why do God’s People Sing?”

Sponsored by the FUMC Music & Liturgical Arts Ministries

4:00–6:00 p.m.

John Bell Seminar: “The Imagination as a Resource for Faith”

Sponsored by the FUMC Adult Faith Formation Ministries

12:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

International SERRV Boutique and sale of John Bell publications

6:00–7:30 p.m.

International Dinner

Prepared by Alex Young, Zingerman’s Head Chef

Dinner prices: \$15/adults, \$8/students, \$40/entire family, children under 5 yrs./free.

7:30 p.m.

Global Music Concert—John Bell, FUMC Choirs, Festival Community Choir, and Global Instrumental Ensemble

Sunday, February 5, 2012

9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Downtown Global Worship Services - John Bell, Choirs, and Global Instrumental Ensembles



John Bell (a native of Kilmarnock who lives in Glasgow) lectures, preaches and conducts seminars across the denominations in Europe, North America, Australia, and South Africa. He is a hymn writer, author and radio/television broadcaster, but retains a primary passion for congregational song. We are pleased to have him “in residence” at FUMC for our Annual Global Music Weekend – in seminar, in concert, and in worship!

Once again, our FUMC adult, youth, and children’s Music Ministries combine to celebrate the joy and diversity of Global Worship through fellowship, food, global arts, and music. An international meal will be prepared by Zingerman’s Head Chef Alex Young. African musician Kofi Ameyaw and African Ensemble, Celtic Instrumentalists, and FUMC Global Ensemble will join forces in both the Saturday outreach performance and Sunday worship services. Global congregational songs will also be included. A free will offering will be taken at the Saturday evening concert. Don’t miss these great family global events!

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CLERGY CORNER

I feel as though we have just wrapped up Advent and Christmas, and it's already time to start thinking about Lent! Yet, with Ash Wednesday on February 22, now is the time to start considering how you might use Lent as a time for reflection and closer connection to God.

The word Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring". (Oh, if only we could believe that spring was starting on February 22!) In the early church, Lent was a time of fasting and preparing new believers for baptism. Later in church history, it became a time for sacrificing something as a means of penance.

These days, it has become more common for people to consider taking on a new spiritual practice rather than giving up a certain food or bad habit. Either way works. The point is to be intentional about putting God at the center of your life, and working at that consistently through the weeks of Lent.

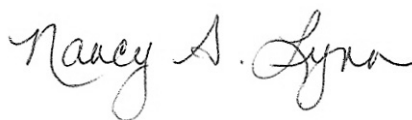
So, what are you considering for your Lenten discipline this year? A great way to prepare would be to attend John Bell's spirituality workshop on February 4. Bell, a deeply spiritual writer and musician from the Iona community, will talk about how to engage your imagination on your spiritual journey. This is bound to be an inspiring afternoon!

You might also want to consider the Wednesday night study of Richard Rohr's book *Simplicity*. Pastor Doug will lead a series of discussions based on Rohr's teachings about living a simple and centered Christian life. Look for details in upcoming bulletins.

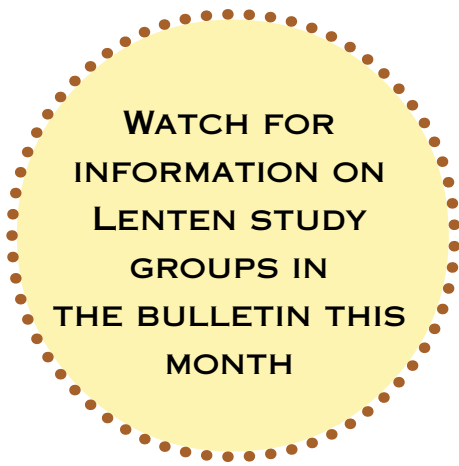
Or you may find that your heart is pulling you in some other direction for your Lenten practice. For example, you may consider daily journaling, using a Lenten devotional or reading a book you haven't gotten around to, planning a weekly service project with your family, trying a new creative pursuit—drawing, beading, pottery, or music.

Whatever you do, make it something that brings you a little closer to God. Take time to reflect on how you hope to grow as a Christian and what it means to be a follower of Christ. When we make a point of exercising our faith during Lent, the beauty of Easter morning is all the sweeter!

Many blessings,



Nancy



WATCH FOR
INFORMATION ON
LENTEN STUDY
GROUPS IN
THE BULLETIN THIS
MONTH

KNOW *God* LOVE *Others*
SERVE *the World*



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ReThink Lent: A workshop for kids and adults

Sunday, February 12
10:45-12:00,
Room 204 (Adults) and Room 212 (Kids)

For adults: This one-time workshop will give parents a chance to pause and focus on the upcoming Lenten season (which begins Ash Wednesday, February 22), review the basic concepts of Lent, discuss and consider how your family might participate in this time together.

For Kids: (ages K-6th grade): Kids will learn about Lent, do a hands-on Lenten-related project, and have a healthy snack.

Nursery care available for children ages 0-4. Please RSVP to Beth Pascoe (bethpascoe@comcast.net) by Thursday, February 9.

Can you Touch a Prayer?

Can you touch a prayer? Yes, when the prayer is incorporated into the quilts, shawls, and lap robes which are lovingly created by the hands of the UMW's Uncommon Threads group. The items are available to the congregation when you feel the need of prayer and warmth and love, at no cost. Anyone can request a quilt, shawl, or lap robe for themselves or for another. The quilts are tied "as needed" and the shawls and lap robes are available for you to take either Downtown or at Green Wood. Examples of the group's work will be featured during the months of February and March in the Downtown show cases.

To receive these "touchable" prayers, contact Pastor Nancy Lynn at 662-4536 or via e-mail at nancy@fumc-a2.org. For further information about the group, contact Sandy Hultquist at 663-8890 or at slhultquist@comcast.net or Fran Wicks at 971-6450 or at franw101@att.net. New members are always welcome.

UMW Lenten Retreat "Before It's Too Late" A study of the Sudan situation

At Green Wood Saturday, March 17, 2012
8:45-11:30 A.M.

Join our unit as we welcome Rev. Nancy Lynn
Refreshments will be served by Miriam Circle



Stamp Camp Fun-Raiser Friday, February 10

Join us for a delightful evening of fun and friendship and exploring your creative side to make cards for your family and friends on Fri. Feb. 10, 7-9 pm in the downtown Social Hall. No experience necessary! You will make five birthday cards (with the option to convert one to a Valentine). \$20 fee includes all supplies as well as refreshments with at least \$15 benefitting the Appalachia Mission Project. For more information or to register, please contact Wendy Everett at wendy@fumc-a2.org. **Limited to 30 persons.**

* "Live Laugh Love" was a favorite phrase of Wilma Johnson, to whom we owe a big thank you for donating many stamping supplies that will be used for this event.



Music and Liturgical Arts Ministries

One of the most beautiful and rewarding ways to serve the Lord is through the worship aesthetics of our Music and Liturgical Arts Ministries. Our music and arts programs provide multiple opportunities to members of all ages and abilities to praise God through the arts while adding a uniquely inspiring dimension to our worship services. We invite you to consider joining one of our many ministries. New members are welcome to all ensembles (no auditions required!). Whether you sing, play an instrument, or would like to learn to ring handbells – there is a place for you! Please come and share your talents with us. For additional information on any of the above, please call our Minister of Music, Dr. Ann Marie Koukios at (734) 662-4536, ext. 35.

Upcoming 2012 FUMC Music and Liturgical Arts Events

A Taste of Ireland

Sunday, February 19, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

Experience the music of Ireland with this group of superb Irish musicians under the leadership of David Bowen, current president of the Michigan Irish Musicians Association. Returning once again to our Green Wood Chamber Series, this ensemble will put you in “Celtic Bliss” in short order!



MUSE – CINCINNATI'S WOMEN'S CHOIR

March 10-11, 2012

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. - MUSE in Concert

Sunday, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. - Special Music Offering with MUSE in worship

Since her inception, MUSE has remained true to its original vision, consciously and intentionally striving for diversity in choir membership and musical repertoire, as well as performance venues. MUSE performs on college campuses, at protest marches, and in halls of worship. She sings in more than a dozen languages, and presents music from a wide array of cultural traditions. In continuous performance for nearly 30 years, MUSE is both a supporter and a change-agent in her community, offering musical inspiration and support for women's groups, human rights concerns, peace and justice movements, lesbian and gay issues, and a variety of multicultural, community building alliances.

We are pleased to present MUSE both in concert and in worship as they offer music that celebrates the rich palette of traditions and life styles, throughout this LGBT Weekend.

The Bonfire Poets

Sunday, March 18, 2012 - 3:00 p.m.

“Ann Arbor’s Eclectic Rock Band,” the Bonfire Poets are known for their reinterpretation of familiar favorites and lesser known gems through their intimate and upbeat performances. This talented ensemble will present repertoire embracing rock, folk, and Christian styles. Always thoughtful, sometimes witty, but never vulgar, The Poets speak to audiences in a variety of settings, including coffee houses, community festivals, and church and family events. In Bonfire poets spirit – “Let us share the muse.”



PRAYER **PRAYERPOWER** **PRAYER**

In *Listening to Your Life*, Frederick Buechner tells us if we really keep our eyes peeled and our ears open, if we really pay attention, our own lives open up onto extraordinary vistas. There is no event so commonplace but that God is present within it, always leaving us room to recognize him or not to recognize him. Listen to your life, for if God speaks anywhere, it is there.

In that vein, I am going to send you to a resource that has permeated our daily lives, but is not usually associated with prayer: the internet, and more specifically, YouTube. In the past few years, postings of flash mobs have become popular. During this past Christmas season, I realized that flash mobs are one of the closest experiences we have to the shepherds on the hillside who were greeted by the angels. OK, so flash mobs are not angelic. Their message may not be concerned with announcing the glad tidings of Christ's birth, but they do interrupt people in their daily routine and interject a choreographed plan that the audience was unaware of—a dance of joy to be alive in that moment that makes most people stop in their tracks.

Here are some suggestions of flash mobs to search for on youtube. These will give you a sampling of the flash mob experience:

Christmas Food Court Flash Mob Hallelujah Chorus; Sound of Music Central Station Antwerp; University of Michigan Graduation Flash Mob to Rusted Root's "Send Me on My Way"; University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management's "Deck the Halls"; even Ohio State has a flash mob to Journey's "Don't Stop Believing." (Now there's a stretch of faith—can Buckeyes REALLY be considered angelic by Wolverines?!) As you watch the videos, imagine yourself like the shepherds (or like one of the bystanders in the flash mob videos). How do you respond to this unexpected chorus? Are you scared? Uncertain? Entertained? Annoyed? Do you join in? Ignore it? Do you go about your responsibilities a little lighter? Feeling like a random group of people recognized themselves as part of a special shared experience for a short time?

May our eyes and ears be open to how God speaks in our lives!

Amy Fryar Kennedy
for the Prayer Ministry Team

All are invited to a time of prayer and meditation on the first Saturday of each month at Green Wood from 8:30-9:30 am. Come and sit quietly with others for a short guided meditation followed by a quiet walking meditation and ending with a spiritual reading and sharing. The next two prayer and meditation gatherings will be February 4 and March 3. All are welcome!



Appalachia Mission Trip

April 4-7, 2012

Soon it will be spring time in Appalachia. The redbuds will be blooming, and that means it's time for a mission team from FUMC to travel south to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. There we will help out in the Community Outreach programs right on campus or work on a housing project that might include installing windows, drywall, or gutters. This is a great mission experience for persons from 5 to 105! Download the application from the children's page of the church website or get one at church from the Welcome Center.

Contact Carole DeHart at 761-2695 or caroledehart@sbcglobal.net with questions. Application deadline is February 21.

Photo is of 2011 Mission Team by Peter DeHart

FUMC's Online Photo Albums

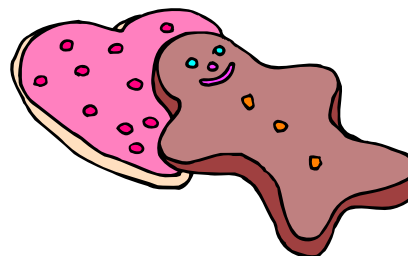
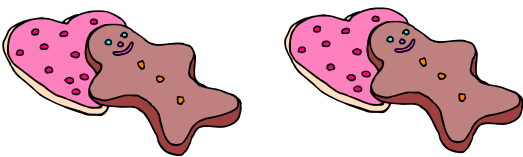
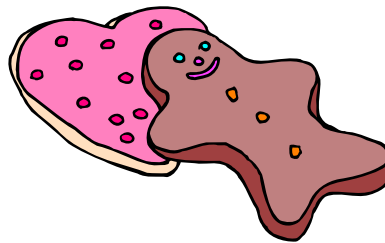
Many of our events, especially for children and youth, are available as online photo slideshows. Just go to the Webshots website and look for user fumca2 and select the album you wish to view. If you are interested in publishing photos of your event with a link on our website, please contact Wendy Everett, 662-4536 ext. 12 or wendy@fumca2.org.

Cookie Walk 18 a Great Success

2011 Cookie Walk
Bakers And Helpers

On the morning of December 10, the Social Hall was festive with tables and tables of cookies ready to be selected, domes were packed, pre-orders were ready for pick-up, and the soup mix and gift bags were displayed. Christmas and cookies go together, especially at FUMC-A2! Once again the line of buyers started early and when the doors opened, the customers shopped quickly and carefully. It is amazing how fast the cookies can disappear!

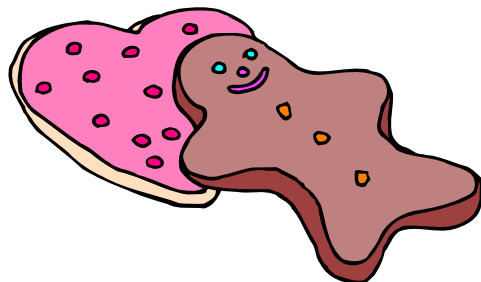
This annual project to raise money for UMW missions could not happen without the help of over 150 people who baked, domed, sold, bought, or helped in numerous ways. The list of helpers is included. (If we inadvertently missed your name, please accept our apology!) Over one thousand dozen, dropped, pressed, cut, and decorated cookies were donated and at least \$6900 was raised. Thanks to one and all for a tremendous effort as we strive to put our faith to work serving the local, national, and international community.



- Allmand, Marian
- Asplund, Roberta
- Bach, Cheryl
- Baker, Cheryl
- Baily, Susan
- Baisden, Katherine
- Banister, Rosella
- Bassetti, Hannah
- Beavin, Helen
- Beckerman, Betsy
- Betz, Fran
- Blair, Cyndi
- Booker, Tori
- Bowden, Kristen
- Brenner, Christine
- Burkhead, Jocelyn
- Carter-Su, Christy
- Chapell, Dee
- Chamberlain, Jenny
- Chasteen, Marilyn
- Chesbrough, Joyce
- Cho, Joan
- Church, Nona
- Cleland, Kelly
- Cole, Marie
- Cooch, Joan
- Cox, Sharon
- Craig, Pam
- Cressman, Margaret
- Critchett, Jackie
- Dalzell, Mary
- Deboer, Marcia
- DeHart, Cindy
- Dolan, Robinette Carr
- Donahue, Karen
- Dressler, Moni
- Dukes, Peg
- Duman, Carol
- Eberbach, Mary Jane
- Edison, Robin
- Edwards, Dixie
- Elliott, Sue
- Emadi, Stacy
- Eridon, Jean
- Fanning, Olivia
- Fisher, Elaine
- Fisher, Jan
- Flory, Frances
- Fogler, Jan
- Formicola, Leigh
- Garner, Angelina
- Garver, Kim
- Gee, Pam
- Gierman, Helen
- Gilchrist, Marci

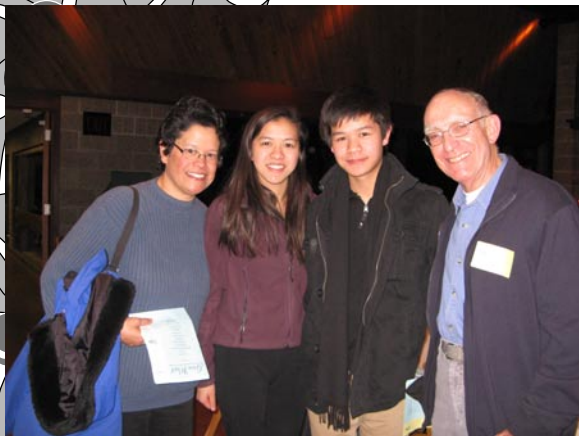
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 Hannum, Carolyn
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 Held, Denise
 Helland, Sarah
 Higdon, Barb
 Hill, Phyllis
 Hoffman, Barbara
 Houghton, Debbie
 Hull, Laura
 Hultquist, Sandy
 Hunter, Carole
 Hutton, Norma
 Jenkins, Kristi
 Johns, Moka
 Kennedy, Amy
 Kincaid, Betsy
 King, Michelle
 Kleinheksel, Christine
 Knudsen, Tracy
 Kripfgans, Oliver
 Labarre, Linda
 Laird, Sandra
 Lake, Michelle
 Lawless, Kathy
 Leach, Janice
 Leach, Mary
 Lee, Cynthia
 Lipton, Beth
 Lis, Stacy
 Lutz, Melanie
 Lundy, Carol
 Maguire, Laurel
 Martin, Melissa
 Maynard, Mary
 McLean, Kim
 Merritt, Nicole
 Miller, Diane
 Miller, Rick
 Moore, Beth
 Morrison, Nancy
 Neelands, Kate
 Nelson, Chris
 Nicholas, Deborah
 Nicholas, Sheila
 Nooden, Sarah
 Nuttall, Alice
 Palacios, Lynn
 Palty, Mara
 Pardon, Cathy
 Pascoe, Beth

Paterson, Karla
 Pauer, Lynne
 Poley, Joanna
 Radack, Jan
 Rector, Phyllis
 Reik, Chris
 Richards, Jan
 Roesch, Julie
 Roth, Joan
 Roy, Adele
 Roy, Rob
 Salo, Sue
 Sanderson, Katy
 Sarbaugh, Larry
 Seitz, Sue
 Shaw, Elaine
 Shaw, Joanne
 Shaw, Shannan
 Shedden, Jennie
 Siekmeier, Jessie
 Smith, Ruth
 Snook, Melanie
 Sprau, Claire
 Starnes, Carole
 Steiner, Stella
 Sterken, Gwynn
 Stout, Pam
 Stroud, Kathy
 Tatum, Judy
 Teener, Carol
 Toledo, Marcela
 Wahtera, Sandi
 Wales, Sarah
 Walker, Bev
 Wegryn, Donna
 Westerman, Cherry
 Whitcomb, Kristin
 Wicks, Fran
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HANGING OF THE GREENS AT GREEN WOOD

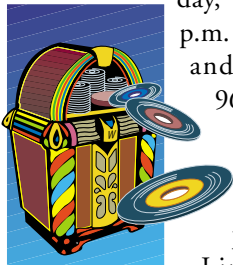
A festive time was had by all at Green Wood's annual Hanging of the Greens Advent celebration on December 3, 2011.



JUKEBOX GENERATION

A Group For Couples In Their 50s & Older

The Jukebox Generation, a group for couples in their 50s and older invites you to join them for a Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 5, at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Linda and Larry Simmering



9650 Huntley Cove in Pinckney. To reserve your spot and sign up for a dish to pass, please RSVP to Linda at (734) 424-

0365 or LnLsimmeri@chartermi.net by Tuesday, January 31. Hope to see you there! We will enjoy the companionship, the game, the food and the commercials.

Visitation Team

If you are looking for a very rewarding way to serve your church and others, think about joining the Visitation Team. Members of this group visit and call the shut-ins of our congregation to help them feel connected to the church, even though they are unable to attend church anymore. The meetings are usually every other month and you are asked to contact or visit your shut-in monthly. If this type of ministry interests you, please contact Phyllis Rector at (734) 482-8999 or email preactor@comcast.net.

UMYF Meal Deal!

For \$30 this winter/spring semester (January-May), we provide meals for youth attending Sunday evening youth fellowship. Please make your check payable to FUMYF with "UMYF meals" on the memo line of the check. Please drop off your payment in the youth mailbox outside of the main office.

Thank you to our fabulous parent meal teams who provide delicious dining for your youth!

17th Annual Zeba Mission Trip for 7th and 8th graders

Attention Youth! Be sure to save Saturday, July 14 to Saturday, July 21 for our annual mission trip to the Zeba Indian Mission in Michigan's scenic upper peninsula! Youth will lead a daily vacation Bible school for children of the community and lodge at the Michigan Tech Conference Center in Alberta. Registration materials are available for download from the youth page of the church website. Deadline to register is March 30.

Questions? Contact Drew Angotti, Youth Director, at drew@fumc-a2.org or 662-4536.

SoulFull Retreat for Youth

March 16-18, 2012

Lake Louise Camp

Youth grades 7-12 are invited to participate in the annual SoulFull Retreat, which focuses on developing inner spiritual life and nourishing the soul. It provides time to be still and sense God's presence. Our schedule includes quiet time alone for personal reflection, small group discussion time, and worship time for the entire group. We depart from Green Wood the afternoon of Friday, March 16 and stay at Lake Louise United Methodist Camp in Boyne Falls (www.lakelouisecommunity.org). We will return mid-afternoon on Sunday, March 18.

Registration and payment is due February 29. Extra flyers are available from the youth office and on the youth page of the church website. Contact Drew Angotti, 662-4536, if you have questions.

UMW Circle Info

Mary Martha & Phoebe circles will have a joint meeting on Monday, February 27, at 1:00 p.m. in the Asbury Room. Carol Lundy will present a program about the UMW Reading Program and the new book club Aerie. Visitors welcome. For more information, call Betsy Kincaid at 253-2161 or Sandy Hultquist at 663-8890.

Uncommon Threads will meet on Monday, February 6 & Monday February 20, at 1:00 p.m., at Green Wood. Visitors always welcome. For more information, contact Sandy Hultquist at 663-8890 or shultquist@comcast.com.



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Dave Rigan provides the congregation with succinct reviews of books and films that he feels you might wish to explore in developing your faith. —Ed. Note

You Might Like to Read...

Timothy I-II

The two books of *Timothy* come before *Titus*, *Philemon* and *Hebrews* and are after *Colossians* and *Thessalonians*. The two letters from prison to Paul's young follower Timothy seem different in orientation. The first seems to be addressed more to the law and the need to obey and accept authority. The second book of Timothy seems more like the kindly father advising a young son on how to approach adulthood with an attitude of self confidence and kindness to others. Timothy is considered to be coauthor of six of his letters and was encouraged to withstand the persecutions to come that possibly ended in Timothy's martyrdom in the first century AD.

As Paul says in II: 3, 14-17, But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

But just before this there is a litany of criticism for wayward people and generations: "...in the last days there will come times of stress. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding the form of religion but denying the power of it." (3, 1-5)

The more kindly words come in the last chapter, 4. "I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word, be urgent in season and out of season, convince, rebuke, and exhort, be unfailing in patience and in teaching. For the time is coming

when people will not endure sound teaching, but have itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths." (1-4)

And just before his finishing remarks, Paul gives out his famous lines which have been repeated by so many, "For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (6-7)

And perhaps the most straightforward advice comes in 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth... So shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with stupid senseless controversies, you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing, correcting his opponents with gentleness. (2: 22-25)

Timothy I could have been greatly controversial in the 19th century because it deals with authority and specifically mentions the honor due to slaveowners in chapter 6. "Let all who are under the yoke of slavery regard their masters as worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and the teaching may not be defamed. Those who have believing masters must not be disrespectful on the ground that they are brethren; rather they must serve all the better since those who benefit by their service are believers and beloved.

"Teach and urge these duties. If anyone teaches otherwise and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching which accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit, he knows nothing; he has a morbid craving for controversy and for disputes about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, base suspicions, and wrangling among men

who are depraved in mind and bereft of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain...

"As for the rich in this world, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on uncertain riches but on God who richly furnishes us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good deeds, liberal and generous... O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid the godless chatter and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge, for by professing it some have missed the mark as regards the faith.. Grace be with you."

Earlier in chapter 5, Paul exhorts, "Do not rebuke an older man but exhort him as you would a father; treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity" —*Timothy I-II*, Thomas Nelson and Sons, New York, Translated from the Original tongues... and revised 1952



1001 Green Road, north of
Glazier Way

Saturday Worship

5:00 p.m.

Casual, Contemporary, and Creative

David Vaughn, Green Wood Music Director

Coffee House Series

8:00 p.m. (Fridays)

February 3 "Un-Valentine" show \$12

February 24 Sarah Masen \$15

March 9 Lou & Peter Berryman \$15

March 16 Jonathan Byrd \$15

March 23 Meg Hutchinson \$12

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Every Week...

Join us for a Free Student Lunch every Sunday, 12:15 in Wesley Lounge! Individuals and families from FUMC are invited to provide one of the Sunday lunches by contacting Peer Minister Emily Jursek at ejursek@umich.edu.

Grads Bible Study Graduate and professional students, recent graduates, and spouses are invited to a weekly Tuesday night study at 8:00 in the Wesley Lounge. Contact Chaplain Bob Roth for details at rothrob@umich.edu.

Holy Communion continues on Wednesday nights at 7:30 every week. This informal service lasts no more than 30 minutes.



Undergrad Bible Studies opening to folks from FUMC and anyone interested for a four-week study based on the book "Blessed Are The Peacemakers" on four Wednesday nights (8:10) from January 25 through February 15. These four weeks, truly ALL are welcome.



Wesley students take a break from studying to get lunch together at North Quad



*Wesley Students
Baking Bread February 11*

for Spring Break Service Project Fundraiser!

(order bread Feb. 5 at Connections—pick up bread Feb. 12)

UPCOMING DATES

January 25, February 1, 8, & 15

We will be have special four-week class on a remarkable new book *Blessed Are the Peacemakers* during our usual Undergrad Bible Study time slot. The author of the book will even visit FUMC in February or March. Watch for details.

February 25–March 1

Spring Break Service Project to Chicago

Tackling a Challenging Issue: Healthcare

While the issue of healthcare is complex and even overwhelming, there are United Methodists who are battling on the front lines and are making a big difference every day. Come meet two extraordinary women who believe that even with an issue as difficult as healthcare, with God, all things are possible! Hear their incredible stories and learn what steps the church can take that will make a difference too.

Bishop's Day 2012

March 10, 8:30 am - 12:30 p.m.

Saline FUMC

Speakers:

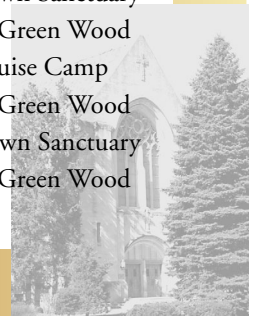
Nyamah Dunbar manages the grants process for the United Methodist "Imagine No Malaria" initiative and has been with UMCOR since 2009. Originally from Liberia, she has also served in Benin through the Peace Corps and frequently visits Africa to oversee UMC health programs and facilities.

Molly Kaser is the CEO of the Center for Family Health in Jackson, MI, a leader in advocacy for access to health care which serves the poor and underserved. She holds a master's degree from the UofM School of Public health and a diploma in nursing from Mercy Central in Grand Rapids, and she will share what she sees as the greatest needs and challenges in health care.

For more information or to register, please contact Wendy Everett, wendy@fumc-a2.org. There is no fee to attend this event and it is sponsored by the Ann Arbor District of the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church.

COMING EVENTS at FUMC

Friday, February 3	John Bell Seminar, 7:00 p.m. Coffee House Series, "Un-Valentine" Show, 8:00 p.m.	Downtown FUMC Green Wood
Saturday, February 4	Music Workshop With John Bell, 10:00 a.m.–noon John Bell Seminar, 4–6:00 p.m. International Dinner, 6:00 p.m. SERRV Sale and Sale of John Bell Publications Global Music Concert, 7:30 p.m.	Downtown Downtown Downtown Social Hall Downtown Sanctuary
Sunday, February 5	Global Music Worship Services, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Juke Box Generation Super Bowl Party, 5:00 p.m.	Downtown Sanctuary Downtown Sanctuary Simmerings Home
Monday, February 6	Uncommon Threads, 1:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Friday, February 10	Stamp Camp Fund Raiser	Downtown Social Hall
Sunday, February 12	Rethink Lent: A Workshop for Kids and Adults, 10:45 a.m.–Noon	Downtown
Sunday, February 19	A Taste of Ireland Concert, 3:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Monday, February 20	Uncommon Threads, 1:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Wednesday, February 22	Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:00 p.m.	Downtown Sanctuary
Friday, February 24	Coffee House Series, Sara Masen, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Monday February 27	Joint Mary Martha and Phobe Circle Meeting, 1:00 p.m.	Asbury Room
Friday, March 9	Coffee House Series, Lou and Peter Berryman, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Saturday, March 10	Bishop's Day, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Muse in Concert, 7:30 p.m.	Saline UMC Downtown Sanctuary
Sunday, March 11	Special Music Offering with Muse, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Services	Downtown Sanctuary
Friday, March 16	Coffee House Series, Jonathan Byrd, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
March 16–18	Youth SoulFull Retreat	Lake Louise Camp
Saturday, March 17	UMW Lenten Retreat	FUMC Green Wood
Sunday, March 18	The Bonfire Poets Concert, 3:00 p.m.	Downtown Sanctuary
Friday, March 23	Coffee House Series, Meg Hutchinson, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
April 4–7	Appalachia Mission Trip	





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February 2012

This page comes to you as "news" from around our congregation and as a prayer list, in the hopes that it will enable us all to be caring of and connected to one another.

Pray for our Confirmands...

We lift up the following youth and their families as they begin their journey toward Confirmation in June:

Hannah Cole	Kristine Meader
Matthew Cole	Jeremy Punch
Laura Gee	Lydia Savatsky
Aerron Grosshuesch	Peter Slotten
Isaac Kaczor	Jessica Sparks
Madeline Libs	John Xydis
Sterling Martin	Emma Young
Grant McLean	

Pray for our Kenya Mission Team...

In mid-February, the following people will travel to Africa to continue our on-going mission work with our brothers and sisters in Meru:

Drew Angotti	John Houghton
Chelsea Bertram	Heather Jue-Wong
Maria Bertram	John Kline
Terry Bertram	Hannah Kline
Ted Brokaw	Lydia Kline
Tess Chamberlain	Kathy Macdonald
Emily Desmet	Gary McClusky
Dixie Edwards	Rachel Metz
Meredy Grupe	Ann Oldani
Barb Higdon	Jeff Punch
Sarah Higdon	Jerry Robbins
Bill Houghton	Julie Roesch
Debbie Houghton	Rose Wall

Baptism Announcements...

Dominic Scott Bradshaw, son of Scott and Calli Bradshaw was baptized January 15.

Wedding Anniversaries...

John Getsoian & Sue Salo - 35 years on February 4
Paul & Amy Jo Herndon - 40 years on February 5

Our Sympathies...

To James Schlee — his sister, Barbara Langolf, passed away on January 17.

To the DeHart family — Wilbur DeHart passed away on January 24.

On the Move...

Suzanne BeDell to 578 Massachusetts Ave #4, Boston, MA 02118

Brandt & Jill Coultas to 430 Junction Trak, Roswell, GA 30075

Shannon Emery to P.O. Box 935, Lakeland, MI 48143

Bill Lawrence to 100 Silver Maples Dr. #3112, Chelsea, 48118

Tim & Sandy Longnecker to 21993 Crescent Ct., Farmington Hills, 48335

Ruth Schieb to 805 W. Middle St. #415, Chelsea, 48118

Jay & Lacy Thompson to 12517 Pacato Circle South, San Diego, CA 92128

Also in our thoughts and prayers...

Phil & Elaine Alexander, Bob, Bob's family in his passing, Bev Bole, Letitia Byrd, Janene Centurione's parents, Jessie Christensen, Elaine Christman, Roger & Joan Craig, Mary Crichton, Jesse DeWitt, Karen Ensminger, Phyllis Foster, Bob Fuller, Jan Hile, Jim & Elizabeth, Barbara Hoffman's parents, Gini Hunt, Mike & Jane Johnston, Chuck & Dorothy Jones, Hebert & Betty Jones, Jordan, Larry Jose, Doris Kraushaar, Dale Luick, Marion Lutz, son Michael, Ruth Michaelis, Karen Pender, Ruth Scheib, Bob & Carol Spaly, Staterly boys, Stella Steiner, Pat Wilson, Muriel Wong, and the family of an infant who passed away.

And we pray for...

Those visiting our church for the first time...
Parent/child relationships... people recovering from illness or addiction... neighbors at Alpha House... those grappling with financial stress... those affected by job loss... expectant mothers... teachers... homebound members... people grappling with devastation from natural disasters and those providing assistance...

Please help us to connect by submitting information for this page to the church office (662-4536 or tina@fumc-a2.org.) Information reported as confidential will not be publicized.



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A Financial Update

A lot of work and ministry was done in 2011. We did spend about \$40,000 more than we brought in on the operating budget, but there was also about \$45,000 of pledge commitments that people weren't able to keep. So, kudos to our finance team who so accurately can forecast our financial position.

The reality is that we need to carry \$20,000 of that deficit into the 2012 operating budget. The finance committee also had to struggle with developing a 2012 budget that would again accurately estimate our projected income. To do so, they had to eliminate over \$100,000 from the proposed budget. The vast majority of those cuts came from the Trustees budget. The problem with that is that Trustees have a remaining budget that covers just the basic utilities and maintenance; and yet we have some major structural issues that need to be addressed this year.

We also have a mortgage that comes due this year. It is the perfect opportunity to reduce the principal as much as we can with the potential of saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.

So here is the bottom line: Leadership Council set our 2012 operating budget at \$1,368,622. This is made possible because of your generosity and is an accurate projection of funds we expect to receive. But over \$100,000 of structural work that needs to be done is not included and we hope to greatly reduce our mortgage this year.

Therefore, we will work hard these next few months to articulate, inform and raise the extra funds we need to be good stewards of our ministry and buildings. This church has always been generous. We regularly raise over \$200,000 a year outside of our operating budget to fund mission and ministry beyond ourselves. That is a wonderful legacy we wish to continue. And, this year, we also need to work hard on the "base camp" so that we may continue to move out into the world with the grace of Jesus Christ.

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