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Human Trafficking is Modern-Day Slavery

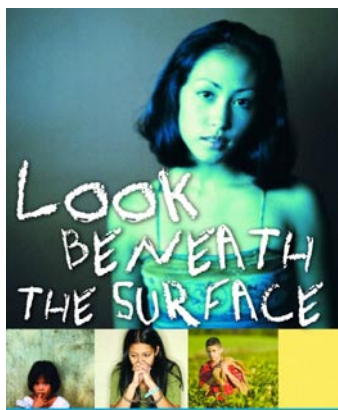
Someone you see every day might be a victim of human trafficking.

Human trafficking is in the news more and more often these days. It's the second largest criminal industry in the world after the drug trade. Awareness is an important action step! Come and learn more about this issue and what you can do.

Saturday, May 18 9:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 FUMC Green Wood 1001 Green Rd.

Panelists will include:

- Elizabeth Donovan, Director, Community Development Law Clinic, Ave Maria School of Law (Elizabeth is a parent of FUMC youth)
- Law Enforcement Representative
- Social Worker



We will also have stations at the event so you can move from awareness to action. A light lunch will be available.

All are welcome. *Hosted by United Methodist Women*

Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4

With joy and thanksgiving we announce the Ordination of Rev. Nancy S. Lynn!

As you have shared her journey by your friendship, interest, and prayers, you are invited to share in the joy and happiness of the Service of Ordination and Commissioning on Sunday, the Nineteenth of May, two thousand thirteen, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The Service will take place in the Chapel at Adrian College, in Adrian Michigan. Bishop Deborah L. Kiesey will deliver the message.



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Food for Our Neighbors

Food Gatherers is a name that is well known here in Washtenaw County, and for good reason. They are the primary distributor of emergency food for the county. Food Gatherers exists to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in our community. Over 6,000 volunteers distribute 5.75 million pounds of food annually to 150 non-profits serving Washtenaw County.

Food Gatherers is the agency that helps our “Love Thy Neighbor” program feed many of the homeless. Food Gatherers is the agency for which our church (mostly Tina Bowen) grows the vegetable garden at Green Wood.

When one thinks of Washtenaw County, hunger usually doesn't rise to the top as an issue. However, 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 6 children struggle with hunger in Washtenaw County. Food Gatherers provide enough food for more than 15,000 meals a day in Washtenaw County. More than 43,900 people, including more than 14,000 children and 6,500 seniors, receive emergency food each year through Food Gatherers' network of emergency food pantries and meal sites.

The need and the demand are great, and that gets us to the point of this message. In an effort to care for hunger in Washtenaw County and to meet the increase demand, Food Gatherers is in the midst of raising \$3.5 million to expand its warehouse. The new construction will increase the warehouse/cooler capacity by 12,775 square feet and nearly double the current food distribution capacity to 10 million pounds.

Jesse DeWitt has talked with superintendent Mark Spaw and the hope is to get all of the United Methodist Churches in the county to have a special appeal to help with Food Gatherers' plan. We will participate in that appeal here at FUMC. Currently we are targeting the weekend of May 5th to bring this before the congregation. I hope you will find it in your hearts and in your wallets to give liberally to this needed and necessary program.

See you in church,



Doug



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

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FIRST CHURCH IS PARTICIPATING IN ANN ARBOR'S COMMUTER CHALLENGE EVENT!

We've decided to make the weekend of May 4 and May 5, our "Commuter Worship Weekend!" That weekend, the congregation at First United Methodist Church is encouraged to walk, ride, bus, or carpool to church services as part of the 2013 Commuter Challenge. We hope to see lots of helmets in our sanctuaries!

The Commuter Challenge is a month long competition that encourages employees throughout Ann Arbor to try alternative commuting during the month of May. Bus, bike, walk or carpool/vanpool—whatever you choose, the Commuter Challenge makes alternative commuting fun and easy. In 2012, 239 Organizations competed in the Commuter Challenge and 1,948 participants logged at least one green commute in May. There were a total of 20,807 green commutes logged by participants. Collectively, participants logged 296,351 sustainable miles. Your FUMC staff took part last year!



We are excited to take part in this environmentally friendly community challenge and hope other organizations will find creative ways to participate.

To learn more about the Challenge, see www.commuter.getdowntown.org.

NEW FACES IN THE CROWD

Many of you have already met part-time custodian, Joe Nighswonger, who joined us late last summer. Joe works Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday during the day, and Wednesday evenings. More recently, Dick Townsend has also joined our staff as part-time custodian. Dick will work Saturday and Sunday mornings and Monday and Friday evenings. If you see a new face helping out with the custodial duties at these times introduce yourself.

Mark Brokaw has taken a full time position with a software company in town. Mike Hitchcock is pursuing his truck driving career with Falcon Express. We wish the both of them the best.

Dick Townsend



Joe Nighswonger



Worship Schedule Change

If you typically attend the second worship service on Sunday mornings, please note that we will go to our "Summer Schedule" with one Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m. beginning May 12.

Our "Gathering" service at 11:15 a.m. will start back up again in September.

We have collected all the photos we are going to get!

At press time, our new congregation Photo Directories are being sent to the printer. Thank you so very much for participating by sending in your pictures, or by stopping by one of our "Snapshot Stations" to get a quick photo taken. These stations were expertly manned by the following congregation members, who gave generously of their time and talent to provide you the opportunity: Peter DeHart, Tom Gardner, Mark Hansen, Evans Koukios, Alice Nuttall, and John White.

Please consult May church bulletins and "Thursday Thoughts" emails for information on how to get your photo directory.

Let's save some money

When you fill out a mail hold card at the post office, please email the church at the same time at tina@fumc-a2.org. By doing so, we save on return postage fees for *The Messenger* and other mailings. Thank you!

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. For additional information, please contact Minister of Music, Dr. Ann Marie Koukios at (734) 662-4536, ext.25.

Thank You!!!!!!

Thank you to all who participated Music Offerings throughout this year's Lent and Easter Season! Thank you for providing inspiring and uplifting music - with special mention of our Chancel Choir, Easter Woodwind Ensemble, Chancel Bells, Daybells, and Children's Choirs.

Summer Music at FUMC

Attention all singers, ringers and instrumentalists: Please contact our music office if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts in a worship offering this summer. Whether individually or within a small ensemble, we invite you to help us celebrate God's word through music this summer.

Upcoming 2013 FUMC Music and Liturgical Arts Events

FUMC Downtown Music Ministry Events

The Creation – Franz Joseph Haydn

Stephen West (bass-baritone), Raphael

Jessica Dold & Alaina Brown, sopranos

Jonas Hacker, tenor

Isaac Droscher, bass

FUMC Chancel Choir & Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

Sunday, May 5, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.



Haydn completed his oratorio *The Creation*, in 1797, at the age of sixty-five. According to the composer, “Never was I so devout as when I composed *The Creation*. I knelt down each day to pray to God to give me strength for my work.” He also told a friend, “When I was working on *The Creation* I felt so impregnated with the Divine certainty, that before sitting down to the piano, I would quietly and confidently pray to God to grant me the talent that was needed to praise him worthily.”

From its first performance, Haydn's choral masterwork *The Creation* has been ranked by many as the composer's greatest single achievement. In view of Haydn's extraordinary contribution to the musical world, this was no small feat. During his lifetime, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) produced over 500 musical works encompassing works for all musical genera. Despite this impressive output, however, Haydn had never produced a composition of such scope, variety, and public appeal as *The Creation*. It is, in fact, often ranked with Handel's *Messiah* as one of the two most popular oratorios ever written.

Throughout the work, Haydn's unique sense of humor, devout sincerity, and creative musical genius are evident through his lyrical vocal arias, descriptive instrumental passages, exuberant ensemble writing, massive choral statements, and charming musical depictions or “paintings” of the various creatures as well as elemental conditions of the world's earliest beginnings. According to the composer, *The Creation* was written to inspire “the adoration and worship of the Creator” and to put the listener “in a frame of mind where he is most susceptible to the kindness and omnipotence of the Creator.



University of Michigan Professor of Voice Stephen West, First United Vocal Staff, FUMC Chancel Choir and the Michigan Sinfonietta Or-

chestra will join forces under the direction of Dr. Ann Marie Koukios in a performance of this delightful oratorio. Celebrate the scripture of God's creation as ingeniously depicted through the music of Haydn in this final choral offering of our series. Suggested donation: adult/\$15, students/\$8, children 12 and under are welcome. A reception will follow the performance.

Upcoming 2013 FUMC Music and Liturgical Arts Events

WASHTENAW COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Chris Heidenreich, conductor
Sunday, May 19, 2013 3:00 p.m. North Lawn of FUMC

Relax on the lawn and enjoy the thrilling sounds of the 70-piece Washtenaw Community Concert Band! We are pleased to welcome this popular and distinguished ensemble back to our series. Under the direction of Chris Heidenreich, this brilliant ensemble will dazzle you with a variety of classic concert favorites for large band. After the performance, enjoy a glass of lemonade and dessert and meet the musicians. A free will offering will be taken at the intermission. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and strike up the band!



Recent 2013 FUMC Music and Liturgical Arts Events

Women's Glee Club



Jessica Dold Recital



Palm Sunday - Faure



Easter
Sunday



PRAYER PRAYERPOWER PRAYER

Joyce Rupp and Praying

Joyce Rupp is known as a spiritual “midwife.” She has written numerous books and sets just the right tone to invite us to pray. Here are some of her prayers found in three of her books. You can find some of these books in the Asbury Library which is in the Asbury Room at the downtown church. The library is open to everyone. Joyce Rupp’s books can be found on the bottom shelf. You are welcome to sign-out books and take them home to read. Please return the books to the basket provided.

Inviting God In, Scriptural Reflections and Prayers Throughout the Year

In this book Joyce Rupp writes in her opening that “Learning to pray takes a lifetime of openness and hope and it is especially challenging when the last thing we want to do is pray. One of the best ways to make ourselves available to a deepening friendship, however, is spending time with the other person. Each day prayer requires a genuine openness of mind and heart and a heartfelt intention to be more at home with God.” Here is a prayer that she writes on her page “Celebrating Easter Daily” for that time between Easter and Pentecost.

Risen Christ, lead me to my own Easter moment.

Clear my mind and open my heart

so I can see the surprising little joys

that are waiting to greet me each today.

Joyce Rupp, pg 88

In her book “*May I Have This Dance*” Joyce has scripture, prayers and short essays for each month of the year. Here is one of the prayers for May.

Spirit of God, you are the stirring in our hearts. You urge us to get going. You prompt us to follow. You encourage us not to give up.

You call us to pen our minds and our hearts to receive your energizing, transforming radiance.

Make us receptive so that we will follow your loving movement within our lives.

We trust in your powerful presence within us. Amen

Joyce Rupp pg 78

The first Joyce Rupp book I read was *The Cup of Our Life, A Guide for Spiritual Growth*. It is an especially good book to read for a book group. This paragraph from the introduction will give you a feel for the book. “A cup is a container for holding something. Whatever it holds has to eventually be emptied out so that something more can be put into it. I have learned that I cannot always expect my life to be full. There has to be some emptying, some pouring out, if I am to make room for the new. The spiritual journey is like that - a constant process of emptying and filling, of giving and receiving, of accepting and letting go.”

One of the Daily Practice prayers.

O Memory Giver, thank you for the storehouse of good memories that is mine. May these blessed memories give me hope and inspiration for my spiritual journey. I ask this day that the touch of your goodness, your blessing, be with ...*(name those you especially want to bless)*.

Thank you for your blessings.

Joyce Rupp pg 139

Blessings,
Dee Chapell

P.S. Please note that the First/Third Saturday Prayer and Meditation sessions have ended after ten years. We will be planning times for prayer based on a season, key theme or type of prayer. For instance, we are planning a session on use of prayer beads. Please watch for announcements in the bulletin and Messenger. Thank you for your participation in the prayer and meditation time over the years. Gratefully, The Prayer Ministry Team



PALM SUNDAY UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG DECORATING WAS FOR EVERYONE!

Led by Jan and Keith Radak and a whole team of wonderful volunteers, this wonderful event has become a Palm Sunday tradition.

Approximately 60 adults and kids stopped by to learn the symbols of this folk art and how to create beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs using a wax-resist method.



How to Buy a Van in 1,600,000 Easy Steps

On a rainy afternoon of the Appalachia mission trip to the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky, some members of the FUMC work team spent time organizing Labels for Education. In case you didn't know, we collect those here at church! It takes 1,600,000 points to earn a van (labels come in 1 pt, 5 pt, and 10 pt values). We counted the labels in 100s and sealed them in donated envelopes. It was a great project for anyone wanting to get out of the rain!

They are found on a number of products:

- Campbell's
- Franco American
- Pepperidge Farm
- Prego
- SpaghettiOs
- Swanson
- V8
- Wolfgang Puck
- Post Cereals
- Pop Secret
- Office Supply
- BIC markers, highlighters, pens, pencils, labels, etc.

Look for the red cylindrical container on the windowsill outside the main office at church downtown. Please trim the labels so that just the rectangle containing the UPC code and the Labels for Education logo is left. Thanks!

Wendy Everett



Photos by Mark Hansen



Caring & Connected

First United Methodist Church
120 S. State St. Ann Arbor, MI 48104

May 2013

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.

Births...

Carl Brennan Hayden, son of Laura and Chris Hayden, was born April 9.

Baptisms...

Paul Alexander Lohrum, son of Joseph and Erin Lohrum, was baptized April 14.

Wedding Anniversaries...

Louis Penner & Teri Albrecht - 15 years on May 2

Naresh & Aruna Gunaratnam - 15 years on May 10

David & Amy Crumm - 35 years on May 20

Michael & Dana Kremm - 35 years on May 20

David & Sandra Laird - 35 years on May 20

Frank & Sue Oldani - 20 years on May 25

Ernie Brandon & Mary Rumman - 30 years on May 28

On the Move...

Dan & Marianne Clauw to 514 Lawrence, Ann Arbor, 48104

David Vaughn to 208 S. Harris Rd., Ypsilanti, 48198

Our Sympathies...

To the family of Helen Brown who passed away on March 8

To the family of Renton Bartscht who passed away on March 28

Also in our thoughts and prayers...

Phil & Elaine Alexander, Barb Baily, Bev Bole, Letitia Byrd, Arthur Carr (Jan Radak's father), Janene Centurione's parents, Marilyn Chase, Roger & Joan Craig, Sharon Cox and family, the Crumm family, Peg Dukes, Barbara Eason, Mary Eberbach, Janet Fogler, Bob & Elaine Greene, Frances Hartmann, Florence Hendel, Barbara Hoffman's parents, Gini Hunt, Chuck & Dorothy Jones, Hebert & Betty Jones, Patty Keese, Lon & Marilee Kelly, Doris Kraushaar, Cynthia Lee, Kathy Macdonald, King Nichols, James Pauer's mother Marguerite, Kim Richardson-Hippler, Katy Sanderson, Larry Sarbaugh, Maureen Smith, Ruth Tabler, Jan Weaver, Loyd Wicks, Muriel Wong, and Norma Wonnacott.

And we pray for...

Bishop Deborah Kiesey... our college graduates... those visiting our church for the first time... caregivers...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... students in new schools... homebound members... people rebuilding after devastation from natural disasters and those providing assistance... the leadership of our country... our military... citizens of countries at war... victims of assault... the marginalized in our society... people struggling with depression and hopelessness... those who are grieving... those experiencing marriage difficulties...

Please help us to connect by submitting information for this page to the church office (734-662-4536 or tina@fumc-a2.org.) Information reported as confidential will not be publicized.

Memorial Garden Celebration

Sunday, May 26

at 10:30 a.m.



On Sunday, May 26, please join our annual Service of Remembrance in the Memorial Garden at 10:30 a.m.

This service will include the reading of the names of those interred in the garden since last May.

Members of the Memorial Garden Committee will be on hand with brochures, information, and forms regarding the garden.

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This year we are again accepting memorial contributions to help defray the cost of annuals for summer plantings. If you would like to honor or memorialize someone and help in this expense, please return the form to the right with a check. An insert, listing your name and that of your loved one(s), will appear in the church bulletin on Memorial Sunday.

2013 Memorial Garden Planting Contributions

Please return this form to the church office with your contribution. You may place it in the offering plate or mail to:

FUMC Memorial Garden Flowers
120 S. State St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

The cost for each flower donation is \$15.00. Please make your check payable to FUMC with "Memorial Garden Flowers" in the memo.

The deadline is Monday, May 20 to include your sentiment in the bulletin.

Given by: _____

Phone: _____

One donation (\$15):

In Memory of In Honor of

Second donation (additional \$15):

In Memory of In Honor of

Thank you for your contribution!

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...

Untouchables

They are called dalits, bhangis, outcasts or chamars. We know them as untouchables. They are the lowest rung of the caste system in India that has supposedly been abolished by law. But centuries, even millenia of practice has left many vestiges of this symbolic and real separation of human beings still evident.

Mulk Raj Anan wrote a real classic novel *Untouchable* in 1935 when the system still had legal sanction. It is about a day in the life of a young man of eighteen named Bhangha whose work is part of what determines his class. He is a sweeper, a worker of terrible jobs in a country with high levels of poverty. This poverty level still exists today. The exclusion is also justified by heredity with the idea that it is also caused by behavior and status in previous lives according to Hindu religion.

The introduction of the book talks of the author. "His main concern has always been for 'the creatures of the lower depths of Indian society who once were men and women: the rejected, who had no way to articulate their anguish against the oppressors.'"

This is a phenomena of the Hindu society in which the touch of such a person, even a too close presence to one of higher class created a pollution both physical and spiritual such that ritual cleansings had to be made. Untouchables had to announce their presence in doing their work or in ordinary activities so that the others would not risk becoming affected by getting too close.

Yet Bhangha knew that the children "touched him willingly at hockey and wouldn't mind having him at school with them." And he had his own sense of humanity even in his low level of work. "He rushed along with considerable skill and alacrity...and though his job was dirty he remained comparatively clean. It was his absorption in his task that gave him the look of distinction. Here was

a low caste man who seemed clean."

The central drama of the story comes in the morning when his sister Sohini is given preferential treatment by a priest, a high class man who must draw water from the well for the lower classes who are not allowed to touch the water source themselves. He soon takes advantage of her in a humiliating way and a woman jealous of her beauty and preferential treatment heaps bitter words on her.

At the end Mahatma Ghandi comes to the village in western India pleading for the cause of the untouchables. In part of his speech he says, "As you all know, while we are asking for freedom from the grip of a foreign nation (England), we have ourselves, for centuries, trampled underfoot millions of human beings without feeling the slightest remorse for our iniquity. For me the question of these people is moral and religious. When I undertook to fast unto death for their sake, it was in obedience to the call of my conscience."

—*Untouchable* by Mulk Raj Anand;
Penguin Twentieth Century Classics;
London, England.



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)

Buy tickets for shows online with PayPal

May 3	Don White	\$17
May 10	Tylan	\$15
May 31	Peter Mayer	\$17
June 7	Nathan Bell	\$12

Academy Awards

The annual youth ministries Academy Awards spring banquet is planned for Sunday, May 5, 5:30–8:30 p.m. at FUMC Green Wood. All youth in grades 7-12, parents of 12th graders, counselors, Sol Café teachers, Parent Council, and their spouses are invited.

The program will feature roasts of our graduating seniors and memories of the year with an All-Star Cast including youth and adult leaders!

Those attending should wear at least one item of formal attire...you may either go all out and wear your prom clothes or go totally casual with only one formal item (a top hat, boa, tiara, white glove, a bow tie!) Whatever you decide to wear, just don't miss it!

If you are a parent willing to help with the Academy Awards Banquet, please contact Kim Wood (kimwood821@hotmail.com or 665-0691).

Spencer Baily, Phil Jackson, Christine Lok, & Sarah Wales, young adults.

Random 20th century young adults.



Young Adults Young Adults Young Adults

Greetings from 120 S. State Street, Ann Arbor. With the apparent approval of *The Messenger* editor Marcia Schlee, I will henceforth use this half-page for notices concerning—by or about—young adults. Sometimes about the Wesley Foundation at UofM (heard of it?), sometimes about young adults who have grown up (or landed in) FUMC A2, and sometimes that glorious place where the two intersect. (In case non-young adults are reading this even now, I will note that in United Methodist nomenclature young adults are 18-30-year-olds.) If you, young adult, would like me to highlight something in this space, please let me know. The next two paragraphs will indicate only two of the possible kinds of uses for this half page.

Peace, Pastor Bob BobJazzRR@gmail.com

Thursday, June 13, at 5:30p.m. *“A Conversation On College”*

On this upcoming sunny summer day, everyone who was in any way a part of FUMC when they graduated high school in 2012 or 2013 is invited to Wesley Lounge for pizza and conversation. Conversation? About faith or spirituality while at college. About what campus ministries do/are. About going to church or not as a college student. About whatever those who show up want to talk about. This is not for parents or other family members, though undoubtedly you are all great people.

Recommended summer reading for young adults: *Reborn On The Fourth Of July: The Challenge of Faith, Patriotism & Conscience* by Logan Mehl-Laituri (2012 InterVarsity Press). Why? Logan, an Iraq War vet and 2013 graduate of Duke Divinity School will preach at FUMC A2 on September 22 and spend time speaking and interacting with students at the Wesley Foundation on September 21. Spoiler alert: Logan is a young adult.

UPDATE FROM RELIGIOUS ACTION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING (RAAH)

The ongoing renovation of the Parkhurst Apartments has been aided by donations from members of FUMC to **Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH)**. The apartment complex, now called Pauline Apartments, contained 72 rental units managed as “supportive housing” by Avalon Housing. Once close to condemnation, the place is now being completely rebuilt, as the photo shows. Funding for the project came from many sources, public and private, showing the breadth of the resources required to make affordable housing a reality.

Far from “throwing money at the problem” of homelessness. Avalon arranged a multidimensional effort with participation by local and regional organizations providing services ranging from financing and design to counseling and child care. RAAH’s contribution of \$40,000 from last year’s campaign helped to move residents of The Parkhurst, into temporary quarters.

The new RAAH capital campaign aims again to support local organizations who

are addressing the complex causes of homelessness using methods suited to that complexity. The three new RAAH partner organizations are **Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative (MPRI)**, **Michigan Ability Partners (MAP)** and the FUSE project, in which **Avalon Housing and Catholic Social Services** work together with local hospitals and health care providers to provide supportive housing with local landlords for frequent users of emergency rooms who are also homeless.

MPRI works with the concept that by providing housing and working intensively with newly released inmates during their critical first 60 days, they have a stronger chance of staying away from crime and reincarceration. MAP for years has been running several residences for veterans and people with disabilities, but the organization’s innovative programs aim to aid these clients in “their self-directed transformation to self-sufficiency.”

RAAH, which has no paid staff, repre-

sents more than 20 local congregations. We will be raising \$100,000 by June 2015 for specific projects of these three groups. The FUMC Board of Church and Society hopes our congregation will provide at least \$15,000. Donations may be made through the church by writing “RAAH” in the memo line of your check. More detail about these projects or about RAAH will be *happily* provided by Josh Warn (734) 482-3707 or by email: joshwarn@mac.com



CHURCH & SOCIETY UMBRELLA

Celebrating Educational Achievements!

Spencer Baily is graduating from the University of Michigan, with majors in Political Science and English. *Parents: Susan and Mark Baily, Grandparent: Barbara Baily.*

Benjamin Crumm is also graduating from the University of Michigan with a Masters of Urban Planning. *Parents: Amy and David Crumm.*

Karl R. DeBoer has achieved his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Miami University of Ohio with a Marketing major. He will begin a new position with a logistics firm located near Cincinnati at the end of May.

If you would like to announce a graduation (either college or high school) in the next issue of the Messenger, please send the information to Wendy Everett, wendy@fumc-a2.org by May 10.

Youth Year-End Picnic

Sunday, May 18, 6–8 p.m.

Join us at Burns Park Shelter (corner of Wells St. and Baldwin Ave.)

Grilling and Games (burgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers provided)

Please bring one of the following suggested finger-foods (nothing that needs silverware) according to last name:

A-G cut-up veggies (carrots, cucumber, peppers, pickles, etc.)

H-K dessert (1 dozen cookies, brownies, muffins, etc.) **NO NUTS**

L-R snack food (1 large bag chips, chex mix, popcorn, pretzels, etc.)

S-Z fruit (grapes, orange slices, melon slices, etc.)

Questions? Contact Wendy in the office at (734) 662-4536.

COMING EVENTS at FUMC

Friday, May 3	Green Wood Coffee House, Don White, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Saturday, May 4	U of M Commencement	
May 4 & 5	Commuter Challenge Worship (walk, ride, bus, or carpool to church)	
Sunday, May 5	Youth Academy Awards, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
	<i>The Creation</i> by Haydn, 7:00 p.m.	Downtown Sanctuary
Saturday, May 10	Green Wood Coffee House, Tylan, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Sunday, May 12	Summer worship begins (9:30 a.m. worship only)	
	Children's Spring Musical <i>Imagine God!</i> , 3:00 p.m.	Downtown Sanctuary
Monday May, 13	FUMC Staff day at CASS Community in Detroit	
May 16–18	Habitat for Humanity FUMC Work Days	Habitat House
Saturday, May 18	UMW Program on Human Trafficking, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Sunday, May 19	Pentecost Laity-led Worship	Downtown Sanctuary
	Rev. Nancy Lynn ordination, 2:00 p.m.	Adrian
	Washtenaw Community Concert Band on the Lawn, 3:00 p.m.	
	Youth Picnic, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Burns Park
Sunday, May 26	Service of Remembrance, 10:30 a.m.	Memorial Garden
May 24–26	Family Camp at YMCA Camp Algonquin	
Friday, May 31	Green Wood Coffee House: Peter Mayer, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Sunday, Jun. 2	Confirmation Sunday	Downtown Sanctuary
Friday, June 7	Green Wood Coffee House, Mason Bell, 8:00 p.m.	FUMC Green Wood
Jun. 17–23	IHN/Alpha House Host Week	
June 22 to June 29	7th & 8th Graders Mission Trip	Zeba
June 22 to June 30	High School Mission Trip	Alabama

