

Fall 2017

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First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor



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Thank you to all of the congregation members who provided photographs for our Fall 2017 brochure!

Welcome!

I have a friend who has been an avid long-distance runner all of his life. He is about six years older than I am and still running strong. He did admit, though, that as he was getting older he had to change the way he ran. His running style now, as described by his daughter, is leaning forward to the point of making your feet catch up lest he falls on his face.

I am not an avid long-distance runner, so it is a mystery to me. However, I like the concept of leaning forward. In fact, I believe that is what God calls us to do – lean forward in faith trusting the Spirit of God will use the momentum to take us into the future that God wishes for us.

No doubt there will be times when it feels like we are falling, but God has this way of helping our spiritual feet catch up to our forward-leaning faith. The result is meaningful and relevant mission and ministry that propels us into a grace-filled future.

This brochure is filled with such forward-leaning ideas and ministry. We are a church who celebrates our history, but understands God is not calling us backward. We are a church who loves the present, but understands that sitting around basking in its glow will lead us nowhere. Rather, we seek to be a church leaning forward so that we may discover where God is taking us. I hope you come along for the run.

Randy



We gather and worship at two locations in Ann Arbor: downtown and Green Wood.

Who We Are

Our Mission

To grow a community that welcomes and engages all persons to be Christ followers.

Our Vision

To transform the world by transforming lives and building up the next generation of Christ followers.

Our Journey

To know God, love others, serve the world.

What is expected of our members?

- **Worship** regularly. If not out of town or sick, it is expected that members will attend FUMC worship weekly.
- **Grow** in faith by participating in small groups for study, fellowship, and/or service.
- **Serve** God with your hands, by volunteering in service to the congregation, community, and the world.
- **Give** in proportion to your income with a tithe (10%) as an expected goal.
- **Share** the story of how God is at work in your life.

Welcoming Statement

As congregants of the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, we welcome and affirm all persons. We are intentional in being inclusive of those of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender orientations, all genders, ethnicities, nationalities, and abilities. In modeling the ministry of Jesus Christ, we shall all journey together into full participation in the life of the United Methodist Church and a closer relationship with God.

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FUMC New Member Classes

Interested in learning more? Come to one of our FUMC New Member Classes! A class will be offered September 24. Additional classes to be announced for late fall and spring 2018. Bring your questions and join the pastors for a casual conversation about opportunities to learn and grow at FUMC. We'll talk about United Methodism, our church, membership, and how you can get involved! — 4:00-6:00 PM in the Asbury Room. RSVP to the office, 734-662-4536.

Worship

We typically offer three worship services each weekend:

- Saturday, 5:00 PM — Casual Worship, Green Wood Campus
- Sunday, 9:30 AM — Traditional Worship, Downtown Campus
- Sunday, 11:15 AM — Blended Worship, Downtown Campus

Communion is usually celebrated on the first weekend of each month. Everyone is invited to the table.

Please see page 26 for a description of the typical musical offerings.

September 2/3 One Sunday service only at 9:30 AM **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
Conclusion of the “Living Church” Sermon series HOLY COMMUNION

“Faith on the Grow” Sermon Series

When young clergy in the United Methodist Church graduate from seminary they are commissioned to serve a church, but they are not fully ordained. They must move through a three-year “probationary” period before ordination. During that time the conference offers workshops to help hone skills in the midst of their experience. One workshop is called “Theology on the Go.” The point is that faith and theology are more than an academic pursuit or a study in history. It needs to be lived out in real time, and often it feels more like triage in the emergency room, than a well thought-out plan. It calls us to act and react and continue to learn and grow.

This fall’s sermon series will confront our faith with a similar understanding. Our faith is not static. It calls us to learn, move and grow. Christianity is not the same it was 2,000 years ago. It’s not even the same as it was forty years ago. And there are those who say that if Christianity does not change, it will die.

So, what is going on with the Christian Church? What is happening to our faith? Are we following God into the future, and what might that look like? With our sermon series “Faith On The Grow,” we’ll look at some of the issues and possibilities the future holds for our church and for our individual faith.

September 9/10 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“Time to Move” *Genesis 12:1-4*

September 16/17 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“When Correct Beliefs Aren’t Enough”
Micah 6:6-8; James 2:14-16; Matthew 7:15-21

September 30/October 1 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“From Believing to Loving” *Acts 15:1-11, 19* HOLY COMMUNION

October 7/8 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“People on the Grow” *Hebrews 12:1-2*

October 21/22 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“Where Faith on the Grow Takes Us” *Revelation 22:1-5*

September 23/24 **Rev. Bob Roth**, Chaplain, Wesley at University of Michigan
“From Greed to Grace: The Economics of Jesus”
Exodus 16:2-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Worship

October 14/15 **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“Uh Oh” *Exodus 32:1-14*

October 28/29 **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“The More Things Change...” *Matthew 22:34-40*

November 4/5 ALL SAINTS CELEBRATION **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“Unlikely Saint” *Luke 19:1-10* HOLY COMMUNION

November 11/12 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“Your Bishop is a Basket Case, and Invites Us to Be as Well”
Matthew 14:15-21 Stewardship

November 18/19 **Rev. Doug Paterson**
“What Do You Have?” *Matthew 14:15-21; 2 Kings 4:1-3* Stewardship

November 25/26 **Rev. Bob Roth**, Chaplain, Wesley at University of Michigan
“If Elvira is Jesus, Now What?” *Psalms 100; Matthew 25:31-46*

Advent 2017 “Waiting For Emmanuel”

Advent is a season of waiting, but we often feel like it's a season of rushing, worrying, and checking our lists. How can we slow down the pace and recognize what it is we're waiting for? Our Advent sermon series is called Waiting for Emmanuel and will give us a chance to reclaim what Advent is meant to be about.

December 2/3 ADVENT I **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“Expecting the Unexpected” *Isaiah 64:1-5a; Mark 13:33-37*
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December 9/10 ADVENT II **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“Prepare the Way” *Isaiah 40:1-11; Mark 1:1-8*

December 16/17 ADVENT III

5:00 PM Green Wood “Service of Light in Darkness”

All of us sometimes encounter feelings of grief, loss, sadness or loneliness during the Christmas season. Everyone is welcome to a special Service of Light in Darkness at Green Wood for those who need God's comfort and healing during the holidays. You're invited to bring a picture or memento that represents your loss to place on the altar.

9:30 AM Downtown **Children's Christmas Musical**
Enjoy a performance of “Radio J-O-Y” led by our youngest musical ensembles (*Words by Terry W. York, Music by Vicki Hancock Wright*)

11:15 AM Downtown **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“Light In Darkness” *Isaiah 61:1-4; John 1:6-9*

December 23/24 ADVENT IV

Green Wood and 9:30 AM downtown **Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“Hope Born of a Miracle” *Luke 1:26-38*
(Please note: one service only this Sunday morning)

Worship



December 24: *Christmas Eve Worship*

Green Wood

5:00 PM: **Candlelight Service**
An intimate setting for a candlelight celebration of Christmas.

Downtown

5:00 PM: **Children's Christmas Service**
A service where the very young participate in the telling of the Christmas story.

7:30 PM: **Family Service**
A service where our young people share their gifts in word and music.

11:00 PM: **Candlelight Service**
A traditional service of light, love, and Christmas music.



December 30/31 **Rev. Doug Paterson**

(One Sunday service only at 9:30 AM)

January 6/7 **Rev. Nancy Lynn**

(One Sunday service only at 9:30 AM)

"Four Kings and a Baby" *Matthew 2:1-12*

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Children's Ministries

Children's Ministries serves ages birth through 6th grade and their families with the purpose of equipping and empowering parents to be their family's spiritual leaders, connecting people within the FUMC community, and teaching and establishing the foundational elements of the Christian faith. *Contact: Beth Pascoe, bethpascoe13@gmail.com, or 734-476-4763.*

Knowing God

Sunday Morning Options:

- **1st-6th graders** (Cool Disciples) learn about Bible stories and life-applicable concepts through kid-friendly multidisciplinary workshops such as Puppets, Cooking, Drama, Games, Storytelling, Video, Photography, Art, and Science. Using the Workshop Rotation Model, the same Bible story is taught for multiple weeks, with each grade rotating to a different workshop every week. On the first Sunday of each month, 1st-6th graders worship together with their families in our Communion service.
- **3-year-olds to Kindergarteners** creatively experience God's love with curriculum and activities related to the Bible stories that the 1st-6th graders learn. Free play and singing (Cherub Choir) are also incorporated into this time.
- **Kids under age three** begin learning about God's love in a clean, safe, age-appropriate environment. Two-year-olds play, create art projects, share snacks, listen to stories, and learn simple prayers in their own classroom. Infants and babies are lovingly nurtured by our regular caregivers and volunteer assistants in our Nursery.



Other Opportunities:

- **Children's Choirs** (see page 27 for information about music)
- **Acolyte Ministry** Children in grades three and up are invited to light the altar candles during Sunday worship services.

Children's Ministries

Loving Others

Holiday Celebrations

- Advent wreath-making
- Children's Christmas musical
- Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt and Ukrainian Egg Decorating



Annual Events

- Family Camp at YMCA Camp Algonquin in Hastings, MI (May 25-27, 2018)
- Vacation Bible Camp (July 9-13, 2018)

Serving the World

Children's Ministries

Many opportunities to serve as workshop leaders, class shepherds, class coordinators, Vacation Bible Camp, and other special event volunteers.

FiSH (Families in Service – Here)

FiSH's mission is to find and create service opportunities that are appropriate for kids so that families can serve together.



FiSH FRI Service Evenings

On the third Fridays (Sep-Apr) a variety of hands-on service projects are planned for families to work together with folks of all ages in our church community.



Appalachia Mission Trip

Family-friendly mission trip to Henderson Settlement our United Methodist Service agency in Frakes, KY, March 28-31, 2018.

∞ Youth Ministries

Our ministry to youth provides a safe, caring and supportive environment where young people (grades 7-12) are encouraged to develop and nurture a Christ-centered life through fellowship, service, worship, education, and recreation.



We balance the need of individual faith journeys with the importance of fostering a strong group identity. Our goal is not to teach your children *what* to think, but to teach them *how* to think...giving them tools and opportunities to practice their skills.

We are a community committed to caring, serving, learning, and growing with each other regardless of ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or identity, economic status, disability, or other human differences.

UMYF: United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Sunday evenings, 6:00-8:00 PM

All students meet for dinner and eat together in our Social Hall (downtown) and then separate into different programs geared toward the needs and interests of each age group: Jr. Highs (grades 7 & 8) and Sr. Highs (grades 9-12). Activities, games, video, and discussion are woven together to encourage youth to explore their faith.

The Sol Café: Light for Teen Souls

Sunday mornings, 9:20-10:30 AM

Join us in Calkins Hall (downtown) for refreshments and fellowship with friends. Classes begin at 9:30 and end at 10:30 AM. We encourage family worship on the first Sunday of the month; youth may sit with their families or other youth. Youth may participate in worship leadership by reading scripture and serving Communion.

Confirmation

This two-year process begins at the start of seventh grade. Eighth graders who have met the expectations for class attendance (Sol Café: Explorers), worship attendance, and participation in service opportunities and youth group activities are eligible to be confirmed. We aim to provide the foundation needed to prepare them for a life-long faith journey.



Retreats and Mission Trips

We offer a Fall Retreat October 6-8 and a “SoulFull” Retreat in February. Active youth are eligible to apply for summer mission trips. Our 7th & 8th graders have led a one-week Vacation Bible school on the Zeba Indian Reservation in Michigan’s upper peninsula for over twenty years. Ninth through twelfth graders experience a week-long trip to a different destination each summer, such as Guatemala, Appalachia, North Dakota, and Maine.

Volunteer Opportunities

Parents and adult volunteers having direct contact with youth are required to attend training, which includes a background check.

- **Counselors:** Our UMYF counselors are the adult volunteers who take on roles such as running games, facilitating a small group discussion, and/or planning and leading a program. Counselors may also accompany youth on overnight excursions. The leaders are responsible for mentoring and are also assigned specific tasks or duties depending on the nature of the trip.
- **Sol Café Teachers/Shepherds:** These individuals lead on Sunday mornings for four- to eight-week sessions. Curricula are chosen based on teacher interests and passions as well as United Methodist tradition and theology.
- **Parent Council:** Our parent council works behind the scenes for specific events during the year. If you are a person with strong organizational skills, this group is for you.

If you are interested in volunteering for the youth program or have any questions about getting involved, please contact the youth office, youth@fumc-a2.org.



“Thank you for all of your work on the mission trips. My girls all had a great time! I can’t remember the last time they were so enthusiastic about anything. They were overflowing with positive feelings, fun stories and new connections with other youth and adults. I feel so fortunate that they are part of our youth group.”

Parent of 7th & 9th graders

Adult Education

Keep an eye on our website and worship bulletins for details and information about additional Adult Education opportunities this season.



This fall, Adult Education will be offered in a rotation schedule – each Sunday will focus on a different aspect of our spiritual lives:

Linking to the Center – *First Sundays*

Living in creation – *Second Sundays*

Loving the community – *Third Sundays*

Learning to be Christ followers – *Fourth Sundays*



All classes will meet in the same location and at the same time on Sundays:

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM in Calkins Hall

You are welcome to attend the classes on a drop-in or continuing basis. Check out what interests you!

FIRST SUNDAYS: Centering Through Faith

We are all searching for deeper meaning and divine connection in our life. Join us as we share and learn practices that nourish our faith journeys. Sessions will introduce centering practices like guided meditation, breath and silence, body movement and mindful self-compassion. Come along on the journey to learn and practice new (and very, very old) ways to celebrate the Divine and deepen your spiritual connection.

Sign up for this class is recommended:

<http://tinyurl.com/centeringfaithpractice>

October 1: Guided imagery

November 5: Visual journaling

December 3: Yoga for Advent

Weekly “Brown Bag” Study of the books of Ruth and Esther

Bring your lunch and join us for this midday hour-long Bible study on the books of Ruth and Esther this fall. This drop-in study is a great place to either begin a regular practice of reading Bible, or to ponder books of the Bible you have yet to read. The group is very supportive and welcoming!

Tuesdays
12:00-1:00 PM
Chapel
Sep. 12-Dec. 12

SECOND SUNDAYS: Conversations About Science and Religion

How do we bridge the gap between science and religion? Join Rev. Al Bamsey and our own FUMC science and medical community for conversations about their experiences and struggles with faith, belief and the place of God in scientific study. Join this monthly conversation and forum designed to discuss science and religion. *Check out the class webpage for meeting information and supporting links:*

<http://tinyurl.com/FUMC-ConvScience-Religion>

September 10

October 8

November 12

December 10



Adult Education

THIRD SUNDAYS: Mind the Gap – A Hunger and Food Insecurity Interest Group

If you are passionate about learning about and solving the food insecurity issues in our community and Michigan, then this is a great Sunday offering to check out. They have spent the last year listening to speakers from CAN (Community Action Network), Bread for the World, and author Luke Shaefer (\$2.00 a Day) and discussing ways to address the issue of food insecurity. All are welcome to attend! *Check out the class webpage for meeting information and supporting links: <http://tinyurl.com/MindTheGap-FUMC>*

September 17

October 15

November 19

FOURTH SUNDAYS: Animate Faith

If you are looking for thoughtful discussion about our faith journeys and the Bible, join us for Animate on fourth Sundays. This curriculum is built on solid theology and allows us the opportunity to strengthen faith through spirited discussion and questioning. This is a DVD/discussion format - speakers include well-known Christian theologians. Some samples of Animate sessions: "Where God Is" - Nadia Bolz-Weber; "Faith is a Quest" - Brian McLaren; and "A Book Like No Other" - Lauren Winner

September 24

October 22

November 26

FALL RETREAT "Soulscapes: Letting Our Soul Speak Through Images"



For most of us the fast pace of our daily lives tends to crowd out time for soulful reflection. Ever wonder what that 'still, small voice' within might be trying to share with you? Collages are a deceptively effective way to listen for our soul's soft whispers. Come join the Inward Bound Adventure of Soulscapes with presenter Lisa Gray Lion, retreat leader and deacon in the United Methodist Church.

Saturday, October 21 - 9:30 AM—2:30 PM at Green Wood
Please bring a brown bag lunch.

Our fall retreat is hosted by UMW and Adult Education.



Subscribe to our email newsletter, [Salt and Light](#), to keep up-to-date on all of our Adult Education offerings. It is published a couple of times during the programming year. With interest contact debbie@fumc-a2.org.

Small Groups

Connecting with a small group within a big church can, as one member describes, transform a “black and white” church experience into a full color spiritual adventure. From drop-in service opportunities to longer-term covenant groups, you are welcome to join one or more of the groups below.

Breakfast Club

Fellowship group meets Wednesdays 7:30 AM at The Broken Egg.
Contact: *Mary Danforth*, m19danforth44@gmail.com or 734-649-4849.

Global Issues

Discuss various perspectives on issues impacting us locally, nationally, and globally. We use the *Great Decisions* DVD/book series; members also lead discussions. Meets Sundays at 11:00 AM in the Chapel. Contact: *Hal Brannan*, hbrannan734@gmail.com.

Jukebox Generation

A social group for **all** people of the church age 50 and above meets monthly for activities from September through May. Past activities include attending productions at the Purple Rose Theatre, Super Bowl Party, canoe trips, game nights, concerts, bowling, assisting during Coffee Hours, and getting together for dinners and brunch. Contact: *Phyllis Hill*, phyllishill50@gmail.com or 734-213-5544.

NEW! Neighborhood Care Groups

Would you like to know who your FUMC neighbors are? Every family in the church has been assigned to a Neighborhood Care Group (NCG) with other church families in their neighborhood. Each NCG is made up of approximately 8-12 households, and new members are always welcome. The groups meet occasionally for social events but also help care for each other and welcome church newcomers from their neighborhoods. The groups cover areas as far as Belleville and Brighton so distance is not an issue. All ages and stages of life, members and non-members, are all welcome. To join a group or with questions, email congregationalcare@fumc-a2.org.

Men of Faith

Informal meeting for sharing, discussion of a spiritual program item, and prayer. Coffee and snack provided. Meets Saturdays 8:00 AM in Asbury.
Contact: *Jim Higdon*, higdonaa@comcast.net.

Men's Prayer Breakfast Group

We are a small but diverse group and have had many interesting discussions and hearty breakfasts over the years at Bob Evans on Carpenter Road near Washtenaw. We meet at 7:30 AM for an hour on the second Saturday of each month. Our meeting content is mainly fellowship and discussion of Christian topics and concerns. Visitors are welcome. With interest, contact: *Dave Hughes*, hughesda@comcast.net.

Visit our website at www.fumc-a2.org for the most up-to-date information.

Small Groups

Mothers Too

A group that discusses personal and church issues in a nonjudgmental, caring way. Meets 2nd Sundays 11:00 AM, Aldersgate. *Contact: Sarah Nooden, snooden@umich.edu or 734-663-5667.*

PM³

Sharing and caring group of women. Programs include making valentines for cancer patients at U of M, book study, local mission work, & mission trip updates. Meets 4th Fridays at 12:00 PM, in homes or downtown. *Contact: Sandy Hultquist, 734-663-8890 or slhultquist@comcast.net.*

Sarah's Sisters

Sarah's Sisters is a group of women who are asking and listening, encouraging and supporting, caring and doing. We meet at Moon Winks, a coffee house in Dixboro on Plymouth Rd. once a month from 1:15 - 2:45 PM, on rotating days of the week, Monday through Thursday. Check the bulletin for dates. *Contact: Dee Chapell, deechapell@aol.com or 734-253-2547.*

Second Saturday Group

Families with kids elementary to teen, meeting in homes for dinner, sharing, and DVD or book study. Teens and kids socialize while parents meet.

Contact: Pam Stout, pamstoutaa@yahoo.com or 995-1405.

Second Quartile

Second Quartile is a group for people around or between the ages of 25 and 50 who meet twice monthly for fun social, educational, and service activities. We share responsibility for planning events. *Find us on Facebook*

at "2nd Quartile of the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor", or contact Emily Blunt (emily.palmer329@gmail.com) for more information.



Sisterhood

A group of women that gather for fellowship, discussion and learning. Sisterhood Thursday meets the third Thursday evening of each month. *Contact Dawn Rudnik, 734-255-6189 or dawn17@yahoo.com.* Infrequent Saturday meetings are also planned, and an annual FlyGirlz off-site summer adventure trip is organized; details are announced in the spring.

Tuesday Night Study Group

The Tuesday night study group meets weekly at 6:00 PM in the Asbury room. Our goal is to bring our faith into our weekday lives through study and discussion. We typically read four or more books each year (September thru May). *Contact: Linda LaBarre, bclabarre@aol.com.*

Calendar

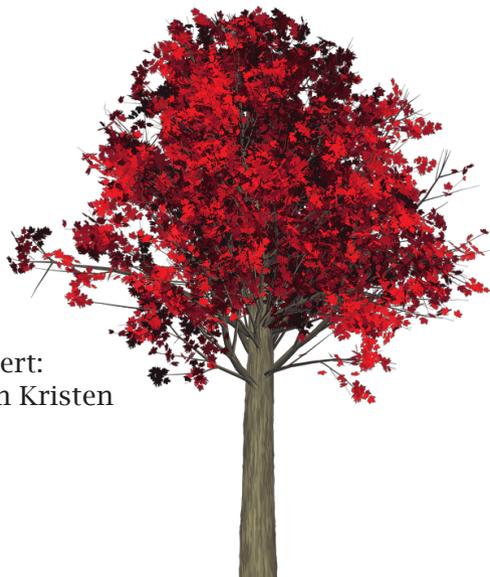
Dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Please watch the bulletin announcements or visit our website at www.fumc-a2.org for updated information on all of our events!

September

- Sep. 8 — Green Wood Coffee House: Ron Coden
Sep. 9 — Chancel Choir Retreat
Amy Concert (to benefit MADD)
Sep. 10 — Bring a Friend to Church
Back to two Sunday services, 9:30 & 11:15 AM
Fall Kick-off of Children/Youth programs
Sep. 15 — FiSH FRI service evening
Green Wood Coffee House: Suzzy Roche
& Lucy Wainwright Roche
Sep. 22 — UMW Annual Fall Potluck
Sep. 24 — Ann Arbor Camerata Concert #1
New Member Class
Sep. 28 — JOY Luncheon
Sep. 29 — Green Wood Coffee House: Reggie Harris & David Roth

October

- Oct. 1 — Flu Shot Clinic
Oct. 6 — Green Wood Coffee House: Jonathan Edwards
Oct. 6-8 — Youth Fall Retreat
Oct. 8 — Third graders receive Bibles
"Once Upon a Dream" Fall Music Fundraiser
Oct. 13 — Green Wood Coffee House:
Jeremy Horn
Oct. 15 — CROP Walk
Green Wood Chamber Concert:
Ann Arbor Camerata
Oct. 20 — FiSH FRI service evening
Green Wood Coffee House:
Chuck Brodsky
Oct. 21 — "Soulscapes" Fall Retreat
Oct. 27 — Green Wood Coffee House:
Mary Gauthier
Oct. 29 — Green Wood Chamber Concert:
Euterpe Woodwind Quintet with Kristen
Dinnino and Luke Randall



Calendar

November

- Nov. 3 — Green Wood Coffee House: Danny Schmidt
- Nov. 6-12 — IHN Alpha House host week
- Nov. 7 — Youth workday at Cass
- Nov. 10 — United Methodist Women Thank Offering
Second Quartile potluck and game night
Green Wood Coffee House: Melanie
- Nov. 10-11 — Men's Glee Club Choral Festival
- Nov. 14 — J.O.Y. Luncheon
- Nov. 17 — FiSH FRI Service evening
Green Wood Coffee House: Small Potatoes
- Nov. 18 — Chancel Choir retreat
- Nov. 19 — Music of Thanksgiving in Worship
- Nov. 23/24 — Church buildings/offices closed
- Nov. 26 — Hanging of the Greens
Giving Tree program begins

December

- Dec. 1 — Green Wood Coffee House: Don White
- Dec. 2 — United Methodist Women Sisterhood Tea
- Dec. 3 — Advent wreath and ornament-making
- Dec. 4 — Giving Tree program ends
- Dec. 8 — FiSH FRI Service evening—Wrapping Christmas presents
Green Wood Coffee House: TBD
- Dec. 10 — Youth Christmas Banquet & Service evening
- Dec. 12 — All-Church Conference
- Dec. 15 — FiSH FRI Service evening
Green Wood Coffee House: TBD
- Dec. 16 — A Service of Light in Darkness
- Dec. 17 — Children's Christmas Musical "Radio J-O-Y"
during the 9:30 AM worship service
Youth Christmas Drama Fundraising evening
- Dec. 24 — One Sunday morning service at 9:30 AM
Christmas Eve Worship Services:
 - Green Wood: 5:00 PM
 - Downtown: 5:00, 7:30, and 11:00 PM
- Dec. 25 — Church buildings/offices closed
- Dec. 26 — Church buildings/offices closed
- Dec. 31 — One Sunday morning service at 9:30 AM



~ Mission & Outreach

Jeff Wason, our Coordinator of Mission & Service Projects, is focused on supporting all aspects of mission and service projects at FUMC. Have a question, request, or suggestion regarding existing or possible service opportunities? Contact Jeff at missions@fumc-a2.org or call/text his cell at 734-846-2408.

Alpha House (IHN)

IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) provides meals, food and cleaning supplies, and volunteers to support the homeless families living at Alpha House temporary family shelter. Our fall host week is November 6-12. *Contact: Beth Lipton, 734-665-9033 or turboteach@aol.com.*

Appalachia Mission See p. 7

Cass Community Social Services (CCSS)

CCSS is an agency in downtown Detroit working with the hungry, homeless, seniors, unemployed, “at-risk” youth, the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, persons with HIV/AIDS and Alzheimer’s, and operates two free medical clinics. We support them with volunteers, donations, and sales. *Contact: Laura Ford, laurazabelford@comcast.net.*



Community Action Network

The Community Action Network (CAN), a non-profit community organization, serves families living in low income Ann Arbor neighborhoods Hikone and Green Baxter Court. Some of these families have been homeless, and many are at high risk of homelessness. CAN advocates for low income families with schools, community service providers, and government agencies. *Keep an eye on bulletin announcements and church emails for opportunities to work on projects with CAN.*

Costa Rica Mission Project

A two-part trip is planned for February 10-24, 2018 to the Methodist Children’s Home in Coronado, near San Jose, Costa Rica. The team will include people from other churches. *Contact: Jim or Mary Danforth (476-6080 or m19danforth44@gmail.com).*

C.R.O.P. Walk

The 44th Annual fall community walk to relieve hunger domestically and worldwide will begin Sunday, October 15, 2017 from Trinity Lutheran Church of Ann Arbor, 1400 W. Stadium Blvd, Ann Arbor. *Contact Spring Jackson, sjackson2468@gmail.com or 971-3301.*



Fair Trade Coffee Beans for Missions

Fair trade organic coffee beans are available for purchase at our fellowship time on Sundays or through the downtown church office during weekly business hours. The beans we sell benefit growers, a Michigan roasting company (Higher Grounds Trading Company), and those in need in our community! Proceeds benefit local agencies. *Contact: Adele Roy, adele@fumc-a2.org.*

∞ Mission & Outreach

Faith and Food Garden

Located next to FUMC/Green Wood, this garden produces hundreds of pounds of vegetables each year that are donated to Food Gatherers for distribution to the hungry. Volunteers are needed March-October to dig, plant, water, and harvest. All ages and abilities are welcome. *Contact: Dave Moore, neoldiron@gmail.com.*

FISH FRI Service Evenings

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Habitat for Humanity

After the first of the year you'll hear about our partnership with other local congregations and Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley to provide decent and affordable housing for low-income families in Washtenaw County. *Contact: Mark Wickham, mwickham0411@gmail.com.*



Holiday Giving Tree

Drawing on the passion, energy, and generosity of the FUMC congregation, the ongoing objective is to partner with key community service programs to provide gifts of toys, educational materials, clothing, household goods, food and other necessities during Advent to help them celebrate the joy of Christ during the Christmas season. *Contact: Beth Lipton, turboteach@aol.com or 734-665-9033.*

NEW! Immigrant Hospitality Team

The Immigrant Hospitality Team is a group that formed after FUMC voted to become an official Sanctuary Solidarity Congregation as part of the Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary Network on June 11, 2017. The Immigrant Hospitality Team coordinates ways to assist immigrant families in the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti area, specifically undocumented individuals facing deportation who are taking sanctuary in a local congregation's building while they seek legal advice. We are looking for volunteers to help with transportation, grocery shopping, interpretation, tutoring, and other daily tasks. *If interested in getting involved, please contact Becky Dean (rebecca.dean11@gmail.com) or Erik Wong (wong_erik@yahoo.com).*

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Mission & Outreach opportunities continue next page

~ Mission & Outreach (continued)



Kenya Project

FUMC partners with a rural Kenyan community to provide education and a sustainable feeding program to the poorest of the poor. The Bishop Lawi Imathiu Secondary School (BLISS) serves over 600 secondary school students and was built primarily with funds donated by FUMC Ann Arbor. A mission team will return to Meru from February 15-March 1, 2018. Look for a letter with information about opportunities to support this

mission after the first of the year. *Contacts: Kathy Macdonald, kmac@macdgroup.com or Greg Hulbert, hulbert@umich.edu.*

Liberia Mission Project

We have a covenant relationship with the Liberia Annual Conference of the UMC through the Detroit Annual Conference. Our projects have included financial support for the John Dean Town Health project, Camp Garjay for youth, the Evelyn Chapman Elementary School, and aid provided during the recent Ebola crisis. *Contact: Lynn Palacios, palaca2@aol.com.*

L.O.V.E. Thy Neighbor

The Local Outreach Volunteer Effort has focused on helping to provide food to the Ann Arbor homeless and hungry since 2008.

Weekly help needed:

(1) Fridays from 6:30–8:30 PM sandwiches are made and food repacked at FUMC downtown. (2) Saturdays food and canned goods are distributed at St. Andrews Episcopal church from 7:00–8:30 AM. *For more information or to volunteer or donate, please*

visit: lovethyneighbor-a2.org.



World Peace Café – Connections Coffee

Each week between Sunday morning worship services, the World Peace Café (WPC) offers brewed coffee and tea from free trade and sustainable operations. Staffed by volunteers, WPC has three goals: fellowship, stewardship and good coffee (and tea). Donations cover the cost of operation and help fund mission projects. *Contact: Cathy Pardon, cpardon@comcast.net or 734-417-7615.*

Youth Mission Trips See p. 9

United Methodist Women

Through Jesus Christ, United Methodist Women (UMW) strive to be a community of women committed to knowing God, to developing a creative and supportive fellowship, and to being involved in mission opportunities.



This community of women seeks to be:

- Committed to inclusiveness.
- Focused on ministries with women, children, and youth.
- Followers of Jesus Christ who live their faith in acts of justice and mercy.
- Catalysts for needed change.



UMW groups are included in the small groups list (see pages 12-13).

Contact: Marilee Woodworth, marileewoodworth@ameritech.net

Upcoming Events

- **Annual Potluck Supper**
Friday, September 22 at Green Wood, 6:30-8:30pm
All are welcome
- **UMW Ann Arbor District Annual Meeting**
Local Unit Officer Training
Saturday, September 30 — Adrian First UMC,
9:00am-3:00pm
- **Fall Retreat “Soulsapes: Letting Our Soul Speak Through Images”**
Speaker, Lisa Gray-Lion
Saturday, October 21
Green Wood, 9:30am-2:30pm
- **World Thank Offering and Birthday Celebration**
Installation of 2018 Officers and service project
Friday, November 10
Green Wood, 1:00pm
- **Bridging Our Differences**
An event in collaboration with Bethel AME Church
Saturday, November 11 — Location TBD
- **Advent Meditation and Tea with Sisterhood**
Saturday, December 2 — Green Wood, 10:00am



Caring Ministries

Caring Ministries are the hands and feet of a large congregation, providing outreach to support people with special needs or to show hospitality and encouragement to people in transition. If you know of a congregation member who has been admitted to the hospital or who needs assistance, please contact the church office. We are all called to care for one another, so we encourage you to join a ministry team or look for ways of reaching out to others in our church community.

NEW! Neighborhood Care Groups

A new way of connecting and caring for each other in small groups begins this fall! Please see the info on neighborhood care groups on page 12.

Help for New Moms

We are lucky to have a church member who is a lactation consultant and is willing to offer advice and encouragement to new moms who are experiencing problems with breastfeeding. *If you would like help in this area, please contact Amy Kennedy at 734-662-4536 or amy@fumc-a2.org to be connected with this valuable resource.*

Caregiver Support

At some point in our lives, many of us will find ourselves in the role of caring for a parent, spouse, or family member. In the past, we have offered a support group, workshops and adult education classes as needed to support those in this season of life. *If you need caregiver support, contact Amy Kennedy, amy@fumc-a2.org or 734-662-4536.*

Grief and Loss Support Team

This team supports individuals dealing with grief, loss, and difficult life transitions including the death of a loved one, illness, separation, and divorce. It is our hope that with the loving support and companionship of our church friends, we can learn together how to live with such losses in healthy ways. *If you would like to offer companionship to someone who is going through a tough time or if you know of someone who needs support, please contact Amy Kennedy, amy@fumc-a2.org or 734-662-4536.*

J.O.Y. Luncheons

Each year, we host luncheons for our Just Older Youth (anyone in the congregation who is over age 60). The fall J.O.Y. luncheons will be held Thursday, September 14 and Tuesday, November 14. Lunch is served at your table and followed by a short program. Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship! *Contact: Tina Alee, 734-662-4536 or tina@fumc-a2.org.*

Services of Healing

Everyone has times when they feel burdened by loss or problems that are hard to shake.

Periodically we come together as a faith community and offer services of healing to remind people we are not alone in our struggles and that God promises to wipe away our tears and offer abundant life. *See page 4 for information about a service on December 16, during Advent.*



Caring Ministries

Memorial Receptions

This UMW group gives compassionate care to grieving families by providing memorial receptions following services at our church. We welcome additional people who would like to help. *Contact Ann Hanton, 580-2107 or dahanton@sbcglobal.net to get involved.*

New Beginnings

New Beginnings is a group of women who offer support to one another after the death of a spouse. It meets the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in Asbury Room and has been nicknamed “the group that no one wants to join.” *Please contact Amy Kennedy (amy@fumc-a2.org) for more information.*

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Ministry Team serves our congregation with both email and phone prayer chains. If there is a prayer concern, you may email, phone or write the request and place it in the Prayer Request box in the narthex or submit your request via the church website. You may also contact a pastor directly. *Contact: Olivia Fanning, olfanning@icloud.com.*

Stephen Ministries

Our church has a cooperative relationship with Stephen ministers at another church. *If you feel you could benefit from meeting with a good listener, please contact Amy Kennedy at amy@fumc-a2.org or 734-662-4536 to get connected.*

Uncommon Threads

Uncommon Threads is a group of knitters and quilters who make prayer shawls and prayer quilts for those in need of comfort. This group meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 PM at Green Wood. They meet January through May and in September and October. *If you would like to join in this ministry, contact: Sandy Hultquist, 734-663-8890 or shultquist@comcast.net. If you know of someone in need of a quilt, please contact Amy Kennedy, amy@fumc-a2.org or 734-662-4536.*

Visitation Team

This group's mission is to keep in contact with members of our church who can no longer attend church or who just need a friend to call on them from time to time. We call the people we visit our “JOY friends” after our JOY luncheons. During the holidays, the team sends out cards and notes to brighten a member's day. The team meets every other month to report about our visits and to share ideas of how to better serve those in need. *With interest, please contact Phyllis Rector, 734-482-8999 or preactor@comcast.net.*



Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

Our Mission

The Wesley Foundation is a United Methodist campus ministry providing varied opportunities and programs for all students and other campus related persons. We are a pluralistic community—academically, theologically, and by age and interest.

We are also a community of persons committed to caring, sharing, serving, learning, and growing with each other regardless of ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, marital or economic status, physical challenges, or other human differences.

Our common bond is God's love shown through Jesus Christ. Our emphases include concern for the social implications of the gospel in the world and personal growth as Christians.



Worship at Wesley

Weekly worship at Wesley for the fall semester begins Sunday, September 17 at 5:00 PM (September 10 is kick-off.) *Free dinner for students and younger alumni every Sunday evening following worship.*



Grads Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning September 13. For graduate & professional students & younger alumni.

Undergrad Bible Study

Every Wednesday during the semester at 8:00 PM, beginning September 13.

Is Wesley a place for you?

Young adults who become a part of the Christian community that is Wesley come from diverse backgrounds. We welcome students and recent grads from UofM, EMU, and WCC. Wesley provides a caring, safe space for worship, service, and varieties of spiritual growth. Ask any Wesley student what Wesley is all about, or give one of the Wesley groups or activities a try. *YOU are welcome here!*

Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry

A Global Perspective, A Social Conscience

The Wesley Foundation has a rich tradition of students and university community folks both growing in personal faith as well as social conscience and active concern for the world.

A year ago, students came up with our new motto: **“Open Your Heart, Change The World ~ Wesley!”** Following our Spring Break ‘17 service

project in Chigago working with immigrants, we have renewed focus on issues related to immigrants and refugees. This will be a 2017-2018 priority at Wesley. Other issues students are engaging in this year are sexual assault on campus, anti-racism efforts, and homelessness in Ann Arbor.



Contacting The Wesley Foundation

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Rev. Bob Roth, BobJazzRR@gmail.com Wesley Chaplain

On Facebook: "Wesley at Michigan alumni & friends"



Rainbow Crossing

Rainbow Crossing is a growing ministry dedicated to ensuring that all persons can be full, dynamic members of their faith in our church. This group was established expressly to be a supportive community for persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and allies (LGBTQA); Rainbow Crossing stands in opposition to the discriminatory and exclusionary language in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. This ministry meets on fourth Sundays to discuss issues of faith, offer safe, comfortable support to one another, and identify ways to work for greater understanding and inclusion within the life of our church, our denomination, and society at large. Click the rainbow on FUMC's website to learn about meetings and other activities. *There is a wealth of educational material available on our web page.*



Church & Society

Our Church & Society committee develops strategies that might open doors to *social justice* and to *educational opportunities* (our two basic charges) regarding this national and global upheaval and turmoil in God's world. We strive to build bridges with minority communities in the Ann Arbor area and in Detroit, garner support for Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH) and other local groups dealing with homelessness, develop new collaborations with Detroit's Cass Community Social Services (and Cass UMC), support our congregation's Rainbow Crossing ministry, and promote resources from our UM General Board of Church and Society. *See the website for more information.*

Our Memorial Garden



In 1979, First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor formed a committee to establish a Memorial Garden. Formal consecration of the Garden took place on November 8, 1981. We give thanks for the planting, preparation, and preservation of the Garden by our Memorial Garden committee. It has truly become a holy place. See the church website for more information, or contact the church office to make interment arrangements for yourself or a loved one.

On Memorial Sunday, May 27, 2018, at 10:45 AM we will gather in the Garden for our annual service of remembrance honoring those interred in the past year.

Cooperative Preschool



FUMCN (First United Methodist Cooperative Nursery School) is a caring, stimulating, and secure place for children to grow and learn using a wide variety of senses. Creative thinking and problem solving are encouraged. FUMCN's teaching philosophy centers on developmentally appropriate curriculum with an emphasis on learning through play and social interaction. Parental/guardian participation is integral to this learning process. FUMCN aims to enhance the parents' understanding of their children and to develop better adult-child relationships. Licensed by the State Department of Human Services. *Visit our website at fumcnpreschool.org.*



Green Wood Coffee Houses

Join us for exceptional music, coffee, and dessert in an intimate setting at one of our Friday night Coffee Houses.

Doors open at 7:30 PM.

Performances begin at 8:00 PM.

Open seating.

Refreshments available.

September 8, 2017 - **Ron Coden** (\$15)

September 15, 2017 - **Suzzy Roche & Lucy Wainwright Roche** (\$15)

September 29, 2017 - **Reggie Harris & David Roth** (\$15)

October 6, 2017 - **Jonathan Edwards** (\$20)

October 13, 2017 - **Jeremy Horn** (\$15)

October 20, 2017 - **Chuck Brodsky** (\$15)

October 27, 2017 - **Mary Gauthier** (\$20)

November 3, 2017 - **Danny Schmidt** (\$15)

November 10, 2017 - **Melanie** (\$25)

November 17, 2017 - **Small Potatoes** (\$15)

December 1, 2017 - **Don White** (\$20)

...and concerts on December 8 & 15, to be announced!

To see detailed biographies of our Green Wood Coffee House performers, visit www.greenwoodcoffeeshouse.org. There you may purchase tickets in advance for a coffee house concert online.

To make a ticket reservation for a coffee house concert, call 734-665-8558 and leave a message with your name, number of tickets desired, and performance. Then (if there is time between your call and the performance date) send a check for the total (payable to "FUMC") to: FUMC Green Wood, 1001 Green Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Include name, address, and phone number. Tickets are not mailed; your name will be on a list at the door.



Music & Liturgical Arts

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!). *Contact: Dr. Ann Marie Koukios at 734-662-4536, ext.25.*

Music & Liturgical Arts in Worship

9:30 AM Sunday Downtown Worship – Our 9:30 AM worship services include a variety of musical offerings featuring our Chancel Choir (each Sunday), Bell Choirs (third Sundays), Children’s and Youth Choirs (first Sundays), and Instrumental Ensembles (periodic).

11:15 AM Sunday Downtown Worship – Our 11:15 AM worship features creative mixing of classical and contemporary music. Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, Youth, and other FUMC Ensembles perform on a rotating basis. Our dynamic First Vocal Ensemble is featured weekly, periodically joined by our First Instrumental Ensemble who mix musical styles of jazz, contemporary, folk, gospel, reggae, and rock.

5:00 PM Saturday Green Wood Worship – Our second worship campus, Green Wood, is the site of a casual Saturday evening worship service with our Green Wood Band and Singers led by gospel singer David Vaughn. Local folk singer Katie Geddes is also featured.

Special Music in our Downtown Worship Services

- World Communion Worship with Korean & Russian Music Selections - *October 1, 2017 - 9:30 & 11:15 AM worship*
- FUMC Men’s Chorus Music Offering - *October 22, 2017 - 9:30 AM worship - Open to all men in our church community*
- FUMC Instrumental Ensemble - *October 29, 2017 - Features FUMC volunteer instrumentalists in special music & service hymnody*
- All Saints’ Sunday - *November 5, 2017 - Includes special music commemorating God’s saints for chorus & horn; also features FUMC Women’s Chorus music offering - open to all women in our church community.*
- Music of Thanksgiving - *November 19, 2017 - 9:30 & 11:15 AM - Includes special music for chorus and strings uplifting different facets of Thanksgiving by Carol Barnett, Gwyneth Walker and Ola Gjeillo.*
- FUMC Instrumental Ensemble - *November 26, 2017 - Features FUMC volunteer instrumentalists in special music & service hymnody*
- Advent Children’s Music Sunday - *December 17, 2017 - 9:30 AM worship featuring the Children’s Musical, “Radio J-O-Y!”*
- Christmas Eve Worship Services - *December 24, 2017 - Evening services featuring all of our ensembles*

Music & Liturgical Arts



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Ringers*
Mr. David Vaughn - *Green
Wood Music Director*

Instrumental Ensembles

Instrumental groups of adult, youth and university age participants are once again being assembled. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in one of our FUMC instrumental worship ensembles. Instrumentalists of all ages are welcome. Opportunities for brass, woodwinds, strings, percussion, global music, and contemporary ensembles. Please contact Minister of Music, Dr. Ann Marie Koukios for information (annmarie@fumc-a2.org)

Ensemble Rehearsal/Meeting Schedules

Adult Ministries

Chancel Choir - Thu. 7:00 - 9:00 PM (weekly)
First Vocal Ensemble - Thu. 9:00 - 9:30 PM (weekly)
Chancel Bell Choir - Wed. 7:00 - 8:30 PM (weekly)
Asbury Ringers - Mon. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (weekly)
Green Wood Band - Sat. 3:30 - 5:00 PM (weekly)
First Instrumental & Global Ensembles - TBA (periodic)
Adult Instrumental Ensembles - TBA (periodic)

Youth Ministries

Youth Chorale - Sun. 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM (weekly)
Youth Bell and Instrumental Ensembles TBA (periodic)

Children's Ministries

Epworth Choir (3rd-6th grade) - Sun. 6:30 - 7:30 PM (weekly)
Carol Choir (1st-2nd grade) - Sun. 10:45 - 11:10 AM (weekly)
Cherub Choir (pre-school-K) - Sun. 10:15 - 10:30 AM (weekly)

Liturgical Drama Ministries - TBA (periodic)

Music & Liturgical Arts Forum (MALAF) - 2nd Mon. 7:00 - 8:30 PM (monthly)

Volunteer Music Office Assistance - Fri. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (weekly)

Visit our website at www.fumc-a2.org for the most up-to-date information on our music ministry offerings.

Ann Arbor First Music Series

Our Music and Liturgical Arts Forum continues to plan and produce exciting seasons of inspiring activities and worship experiences highlighted by the creative use of the arts in worship and outreach concerts. These include a Downtown Music Series and a Green Wood Chamber Music Series.

Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra: Season Opener “A Trip through Prague”

**Welcoming the Camerata’s new music
director, Jotaro Nakano**

Sunday, September 24 — 3:00 PM

We are pleased to begin our 2017-2018 Music Series with the return of the Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra. Performing old works and new, collaborating with artists at the University of Michigan, and advocating for Arts Education, the Camerata works to inspire culture and unity throughout Washtenaw County. This concert welcomes new conductor Jotaro Nakano, who will lead the ensemble in performances of Mozart’s Symphony No. 38 “Prague”, Smetana’s Three Dances from “The Bartered Bride”, and Dvorak’s Symphony No. 7.



“Once Upon a Dream...” FUMC Fall Music Fundraiser Concert

Sunday, October 8

3:00 – 4:00 PM – Hors d’oeuvres/Donation opportunities

4:00 – 5:30 PM – Concert

Our Music and Liturgical Arts team presents the first of two music ministry fundraisers during the 2017-2018 season. This first event is a delightful evening of entertainment, celebration, and praise through the music of our various music ministries – our Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells, FUMC Vocal Staff, and Children’s Choirs. This year we musically focus on music which explores the inspiration of “dreams”, featuring selections from Gypsy, Les Miserables, Beauty and the Beast, Man from La Mancha, and Cinderella as well as popular selections by Judy Collins, Billie Joel, Hall & Oates, Frank Sinatra, the Mamas and the Papas, and more! We offer this concert to thank all who consider donating to our ministry to help us in meeting our financial goals as well as for all who simply wish to attend. Stay tuned for more information on ministry projects and needs you may wish to support. Join us “To Dream Together.”

Green Wood Chamber Music Series

We are pleased to present chamber music concerts at our Green Wood Sanctuary. All concerts are at 3:00 PM. Admission to each is free with a goodwill offering to support these local musicians. A reception will follow each performance. Please see the website for more information on the concerts.

Ann Arbor Camerata Fourth Annual Concerto Competition Concert

Sunday, October 15

“Tapestries of Sound” Euterpe Woodwind Quintet with Kristen Dinnino and Luke Randall

Sunday, October 29



Ann Arbor First Music Series

Ambassadors in Song – An International Male Chorus Symposium Men's Glee Club Choral Festival Activities

Eugene Rogers, coordinator/conductor

◆ **Global Music Choral Workshop**

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

7:00 PM FUMC Sanctuary

Paula Vassalo Lourenco (Portugal)

Lhente Marie-Pitout (South Africa)

◆ **Festival Sessions & Concerts at Hill Auditorium, Rackham Auditorium, Michigan League, and FUMC**

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

Times and locations to be announced

We are delighted to serve as a satellite venue and workshop host in partnership with the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club's upcoming 2017 symposium. In celebration of the University's Bicentennial, the Men's Glee Club is hosting Ambassadors of Song, an International Male Chorus Symposium taking place on November 10th & 11th, 2017. With world-renowned presenters and performances by premier choral groups, including the internationally-acclaimed Chanticleer, this fall weekend in Ann Arbor seeks to foster intellectual discourse and promote musical innovations of the future. On Wednesday, November 8, two distinguished guest conductors, Paula Vassalo and Lhente Marie-Pitout will present a special opportunity for all choral lovers in a "Global Choral Workshop" featuring choral music from Portugal and South Africa. For more symposium information: <http://bicentennial.ummgc.org>



Music of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 19 in worship services at 9:30 & 11:15 AM

The First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, Vocal Staff, and guest string quartet unite in special Thanksgiving Sunday music offerings featuring inspirational selections with powerful lyrics which convey our collective prayer and thanks for eternal grace, divine love, worldly joys, and the redemptive light of transformation so divinely symbolized through the arts. Music selections include the Carol Barnett's depiction of "the transporting rapturous scene...where milk and honey flow" in McKay, a setting of an Appalachian hymn tune from the Sacred Harp; Gwyneth Walker's inspiring setting of e. e. Cumming's lyrics in I Thank You God, which gives thanks for creation and for giving us the faith to overcome all obstacles in our lives; and lastly in the popular musical setting Luminous Night of the Soul featured in the Narnia Series movies, by Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo. Through lyrics by Charles Anthony Silvestri and St. John of the Cross, we explore the transformation of our lives through the gifts of our creator as revealed through the arts.

"Radio J-O-Y! Where the Best Songs are about Christmas"

Children's Musical – Carole DeHart, Director of Children's Choir

Vicki Wright (music)/Terry York (lyrics)

Sunday, December 17 in worship at 9:30 AM

Come hear our youngest "angels" and future Christian Arts leaders share their gifts on the third Sunday of Advent in our 9:30 AM Sunday morning downtown worship service. All of our children's choirs will participate.

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