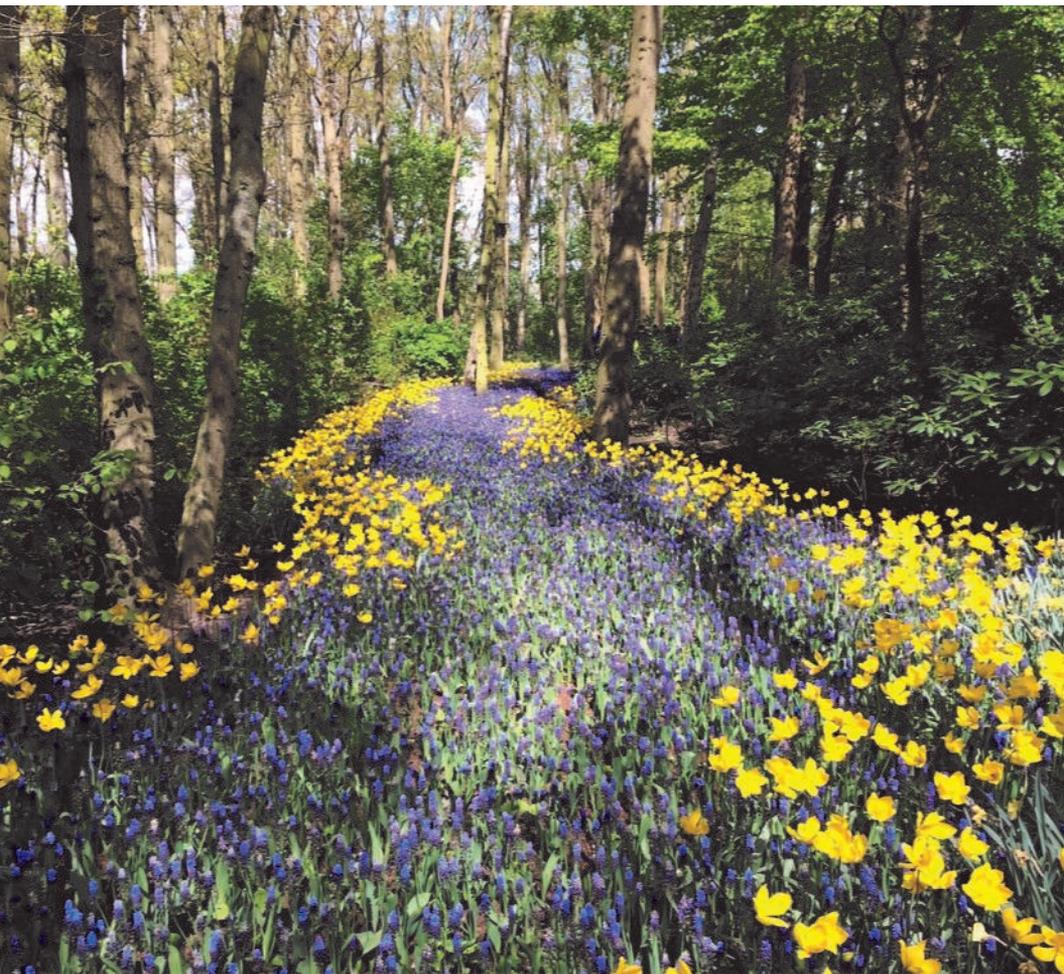


Spring 2018

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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 Spring 2018 brochure!*

Welcome!

It is fun to write for a spring brochure when it is barely December, listening to Christmas music, with the depth of winter yet to come. That is exactly what I am doing. It is a hopeful act, though. God never leaves us where we are. God is always drawing us forward, into the future, toward new learning and new beginnings. In God's kingdom, spring is always coming with new life and growth.

That is what you will find in this brochure - an opportunity for new life and new growth. I have mentioned before we are a church that celebrates our history because it is long and storied. But we also understand that God is not calling us to relive the past or be settled in the present. Rather, we seek to be a church on an exciting adventure to see where God is leading us next.

I invite you to glean what is in this brochure for your continued growth in life and learning. I am convinced that you will find in these pages opportunities that strike your interest and draw you into closer communion with God. So, come, let's spring forward together.

See you in Church,



Doug



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.

Adopted January 7, 2007

FUMC New Member Classes

Interested in learning more? Come to one of our FUMC New Member Classes! Classes will be offered downtown on both Sunday, January 21 and Sunday, April 8. 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! — *both classes are scheduled for 4:00-6:00 PM in the Asbury Room. RSVP to the office, 734-662-4536, or tina@fumc-a2.org.*

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.

January 6/7 One Sunday service only at 9:30 AM.....**Rev. Nancy Lynn**
“Four Kings and a Baby” *Matthew 2:1-12* HOLY COMMUNION

Big “Buts” of the Bible Sermon Series

I wish I could take credit for the title of this sermon series, but I stole it from a book by Darin Michael Shaw titled “Big Buts of the Bible: A Revealing Look at Jesus Christ.” The premise is that the little conjunction “but” has the power to change everything. Simply look at how Jesus uses that conjunction in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). It could easily have been called “The Sermon of ‘Buts.’”

“But” is a word that changes our direction and changes our focus. During the five Sundays between January 14 and February 11, we will look at some of the big “buts” of the Bible, and how they changed everything and still surprise us.

January 13/14	Rev. Doug Paterson
January 20/21	Rev. Doug Paterson
January 27/28	Rev. Doug Paterson
February 3/4 HOLY COMMUNION.....	Rev. Doug Paterson
February 10/11 Global Music Sunday.....	Rev. Doug Paterson



February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY
Downtown worship at 7:00 PM

Lenten Sermon Series

Stations of the Resurrection: A Pilgrimage of Hope

You have heard of the “Stations of the Cross.” The Stations of the Cross depict the journey Jesus took from betrayal to crucifixion. It is called Via Dolorosa (the way of sorrow), and in Jerusalem you can walk the Via Dolorosa from the Antonia Fortress to the Church of the Sepulchre, the path traditionally commemorated as the way Jesus walked to his crucifixion.

Stations of the Cross is a spiritual walk as one moves through images depicting Jesus’ way to the cross. There are prayers and scripture that go with each station for contemplation. It can be a powerful devotion.

Personally, I have been partial to the resurrection of Jesus as opposed to the crucifixion, even though the reality is one can’t get to the resurrection without moving through the crucifixion. We can’t help but acknowledge that life is often filled with sorrow and disappointment. However, the Christian message does not dwell on the crucifixion. Rather it lives in the hope that comes with resurrection. God can take our sorrow and disappointment and create new beginnings of life and hope.

This year we will experience “Stations of the Resurrection: A Pilgrimage of Hope. We will have the opportunity to experience this journey through art that you or someone in the congregation produces to help us move through this spiritual pilgrimage.

February 17/18 Lent I **Rev. Nancy Lynn**

February 24/25 Lent II **Rev. Doug Paterson**
Honoring United Methodist Women

March 3/4 Lent III **Rev. Doug Paterson**
HOLY COMMUNION

March 10/11 Lent IV **Rev. Nancy Lynn**

March 17/18 Lent V **Rev. Doug Paterson**

March 24/25 Lent VI – PALM SUNDAY **Rev. Doug Paterson**

March 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY Downtown worship at 7:00 PM

March 30 GOOD FRIDAY

Downtown midday community services – 12:00, 12:30, and 1:00 PM

Green Wood evening services – 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00 PM

Worship

March 31/April 1 EASTER
Rev. Doug Paterson
 “No Foolin’” *Mark 16:1-7, 9-15*

April 7/8 HOLY COMMUNION
Rev. Nancy Lynn
 “The Benefit of the Doubt”
John 20:19-31



April 14/15 YOUTH-LED WORSHIP SERVICES
Seniors in high school will reflect on the impact of their faith as part of this annual worship service. All components of this service are planned and cared for by the youth of our congregation.

April 21/22 Rev. Doug Paterson

April 28/29 Rev. Bob Roth, Wesley Chaplain
 “The Ethiopian Eunuch—A Church for All!” *Acts 8:26-40*

May 5/6 CONFIRMATION (at 9:30 AM service)..... Rev. Nancy Lynn
 “Far More to Explore” *John 15:9-17*

May 12/13
 Green Wood and 11:15 AM downtown
Rev. Doug Paterson
 Downtown 9:30 AM **Children’s Spring Musical**
 Enjoy a performance of “In the Image”
 led by our youngest musical ensembles
(Written by Mark Burrows)

Remembering Parents

Often in May or June, we find a way to honor our parents who are no longer with us. Watch the spring bulletins and church emails for details.



May 19/20
 Green Wood **Rev. Doug Paterson**
 Downtown 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Chancel Choir, Soli and Orchestra
 Music Sunday presentation of Felix Mendelssohn’s “Elijah, Op. 70”
 Part One (9:30 AM Worship); Part Two (11:15 AM Worship)

May 26/27 MEMORIAL SUNDAY Rev. Nancy Lynn
Summer schedule begins downtown: one service only at 9:30 AM
 Service of Remembrance in the Memorial Garden at 10:45 AM

June 2/3 LAITY-LED WORSHIP SERVICES

June 9/10 Rev. Doug Paterson
This is Rev. Paterson’s last preaching weekend!

June 16/17..... Rev. Nancy Lynn

June 23/24..... Rev. Nancy Lynn

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, or Jen Sopoci, jdsopoci@gmail.com, or 734-717-6799.*

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 Kindergartners** 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 and Christmas Eve worship services.

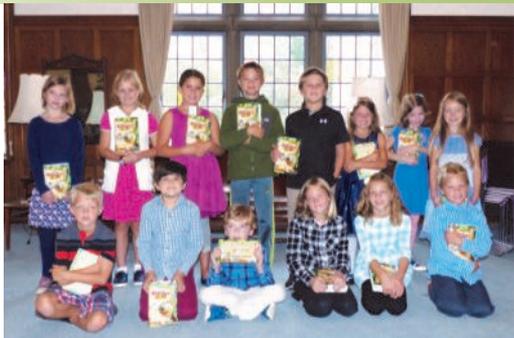


Children's Ministries

Loving Others

Holiday Celebrations

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



Annual Events

- Spring Children's Musical (during 9:30 AM worship, May 13, 2018)
- Family Camp at YMCA Camp Algonquin in Hastings, MI (May 25-27, 2018)
- Kindergarten Bible Storybook Presentation
- Are You Smarter Than a Sixth Grader? School year-end celebration
- Third grade Bible Presentation

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 of each month (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.

Sixth Grade Service Teams

Sixth grade service teams are designed to provide 6th graders opportunities twice a month to apprentice as assistants in young children's classes and in food prep projects for Bryant Community Center and Connections.

Appalachia Mission Trip

Family-friendly mission trip to Henderson Settlement our United Methodist Service agency in Frakes, KY, tentatively set for 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.

☞ Youth Ministries

Retreats and Mission Trips

We offer a “SoulFull” Retreat February 23-25 and a Fall Retreat in October. 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 Philadelphia, Guatemala, Appalachia, 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 spring, Adult Education will continue offerings 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. See what interests you!

FIRST SUNDAYS: Centering Through Faith

Join us as we share and learn practices that nourish our faith journeys, including practices like guided meditation, breath and silence, body movement, and mindful self-compassion. Learn and practice new (and very, very old) ways to celebrate the Divine and deepen your spiritual connection. *Sign up recommended:*

<http://tinyurl.com/centeringfaithpractice>

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>

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 fall communicating concern about the government’s role in addressing food insecurity to our congress members and learning about poverty in families and the necessity of a living wage. This group offers a great mix of action and learning about food insecurity. *Check out the class webpage for meeting information and supporting links:* <http://tinyurl.com/MindTheGap-FUMC>



Weekly “Brown Bag” Study of Luke

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

Tuesdays 12-1:00 PM
Chapel
Jan. 9 – Mar. 27



∞ Adult Education

FOURTH SUNDAYS: Animate Faith

If you are looking for thoughtful discussion about our faith journeys and the Bible, join us for Animate. This curriculum allows us the opportunity to strengthen faith through spirited discussion and questioning. DVD/discussion format – speakers include well-known Christian theologians.

The Lenten Season

This year, we are excited to offer a different way to journey through Lent – the congregation is invited to participate in an art installation called *Pilgrimage of Hope*. We'll use the Stations of the Resurrection (borrowed from the Stations of the Cross) as the lens for expressing how we find hope in the Passion story, and in our present lives, when hopelessness seems to abound in our country. All types of media may be used to depict this journey

toward Easter! Learn more about this project by attending one of two information meetings on **Monday, January 8** or **Tuesday, January 9**. Projects are due March 18.



Other Lent offerings:

February 17 – Soulfull Saturday at Green Wood 9:30-11:30 AM

February 21-March 14 – Wednesday night Lent Vespers Services followed by artist talks from the Pilgrimage of Hope at Green Wood, 6:30-8 PM

SPRING RETREAT – April 20-22, 2018

Our adult retreat will be at the beautiful Lake Huron retreat center by Port Huron – join us for a wonderful, relaxing weekend of friends, games, campfires, and a presentation by Sarah Hescheles, facilitator for the Center for Courage and Renewal, created by Parker Palmer. Sarah is a life-long United Methodist with a masters in divinity from Yale and Duke.

She will lead us in a program called “Living in the Gap,” which explores how we hold the tension of brokenness and potential in our lives. *Save the date and watch for more information this spring!*



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 8:00 AM at The Broken Egg.
Contact: Mary Danforth, m19danforth44@gmail.com or 734-649-4849.

Dinner for Eight

Dinner for 8 is an opportunity for us to become better acquainted with one another. Sign up to dine with new friends 3 to 4 times in the year ahead. Your group may decide to meet in each others’ homes or meet at a local restaurant. Dates and times will be decided by your group.

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.*

Neighborhood Care Groups

A new way of connecting and caring for each other in small groups began this past fall! Please see the info on neighborhood care groups on page 21.

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

Our small but diverse group has had many interesting discussions and hearty breakfasts over the years at Bob Evans on Carpenter Road. We meet at 7:30 AM for an hour on the second Saturday of each month for fellowship and discussion of Christian topics and concerns. Visitors welcome.
Contact: Dave Hughes, hughesda@comcast.net.

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.*



Small Groups

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 Friday. 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 social group for people between the ages of 25 and 50 that meets twice a month. We hold "Grub and Games" (a potluck and board game night) on the second Friday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30, in the Asbury Room. Bring dishes, silverware, and food and games to share! On the fourth weekend of every month, we gather for a service or social event planned by one of our members.

We have a great time forming a new network of young adults within the church - join us! Updated information is on our Facebook page, "2nd Quartile of the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor." *Contact Emily Blunt (emily.palmer329@gmail.com)*



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 Aldersgate 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!

January

- Jan. 1 — Church buildings/offices closed
- Jan. 5 — Green Wood Coffee House: Carla Cooke
- Jan. 7 — One Sunday morning service at 9:30 AM
- Jan. 8/9 — Lenten Project Information meetings
- Jan. 9 — Brown Bag Study of Luke begins
- Jan. 15 — Church buildings/offices closed for MLK Jr. Day
- Jan. 16 — Children/Youth Volunteer training @ GW 7:00 PM
- Jan. 19 — FiSH Fri Service Evening
Green Wood Coffee House: David Vaughn
- Jan. 21 — Ann Arbor Camerata Concert downtown
New Member class
- Jan. 27 — Stamp Camp Fundraiser for Judson Collins
- Jan. 28 — Green Wood Chamber Concert: New Verse Ensemble
- Jan. 30 — J.O.Y. Luncheon

February

- Feb. 3 — FUMCN preschool Open House
Souper Euchre Bowl Fundraiser to benefit Youth Missions
- Feb. 7 — FUMCN preschool Open House
- Feb. 9 — Green Wood Coffee House: Robbie Fulks
- Feb. 10 — Global Music Dinner & Concert “The Footprints of African American Composers in Michigan”
- Feb. 10-24 — Costa Rica Mission Trip
- Feb. 14 — Ash Wednesday Taize Worship downtown, 7:00 PM
- Feb. 15-Mar. 1 — Kenya Mission Trip
- Feb. 16 — FiSH Fri Service evening
Green Wood Coffee House: Juggernaut Jug Band
- Feb. 17 — Soulfull Saturday at Green Wood
- Feb. 21 — Weekly Lenten Vespers and Pilgrimage of Hope Artist Talks begin
- Feb. 23-25 — Youth SoulFull Retreat at Lake Louise
- Feb. 24/25 — United Methodist Women Worship
- Feb. 25 — Green Wood Chamber Concert: Ann Arbor Camerata 2
- Feb. 26-Mar. 4 — Alpha House Host Week

March

- Mar. 2 — Green Wood Coffee House: Livingston Taylor
- Mar. 10 — Saturday Green Wood Coffee House: Mary Gauthier
- Mar. 11 — U of M Theatre Students' Afternoon Musicale
- Mar. 16 — FiSH Fri Service evening
Green Wood Coffee House: Joel Mabus



Calendar

Mar. 18 — Green Wood Chamber Concert: Ann Arbor Camerata 3

Mar. 23 — Green Wood Coffee House: John Ford Coley

Mar. 25 — Palm Sunday worship downtown 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Ukrainian Egg Decorating

Pilgrimage of Hope Art Installation

Mar. 29 — Maundy Thursday worship downtown 7:00 PM

Mar. 30 — Good Friday worship downtown 12:00, 12:30, 1:00 PM

Good Friday worship at Green Wood 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 PM

Mar. 31 — Green Wood Egg Hunt & Pot Luck 6:00 PM

April

Apr. 1 — Easter Sunday worship downtown 9:30 & 11:15 AM

Apr. 2 — Buildings/offices closed for Staff holiday

Apr. 6 — Green Wood Coffee House: Jim Lauderdale

Apr. 8 — New Member class

Apr. 13 — Green Wood Coffee House: Don Campbell

Apr. 14/15 — Youth-led Worship services

Apr. 20 — FiSH Fri Service evening

Green Wood Coffee House: Bill Bynum & Co.

Apr. 20-22 — Adult Education Spring Retreat at Lake Huron Retreat Center

Apr. 27 — Green Wood Coffee House: Missy Raines

Apr. 29 — Youth Academy Awards

May

May 4 — Green Wood Coffee House: Don White

May 5 — Music Fundraising Dinner & Show “Showboat on the French Riviera”

May 6 — Youth Confirmation at the 9:30 AM service

Youth Mission Orientation

May 8 — J.O.Y. Luncheon

May 11 — Green Wood Coffee House: Tom Chapin

May 13 — Children’s Spring Musical at the 9:30 AM service

May 20 — Mendelssohn’s Elijah, Op. 70 in worship services

Youth Picnic offsite

May 25-27 — Family Camp at YMCA Camp Algonquin

May 27 — Memorial Sunday Service of Remembrance in the Garden

Summer schedule begins (one Sunday service only at 9:30 AM)

May 28 — Buildings/offices closed for Memorial Day holiday

June

Jun. 2-3 — Lay-led Worship services

Jun. 10 — Rev. Doug Paterson’s last worship service at FUMC

Jun. 11-17 — Alpha House Host Week

Jun. 23-30 — Youth Jr. High Mission Trip to Zeba

Jun. 24-30 — Youth Sr. High Mission Trip to Philadelphia



~ Mission & Outreach

Have a question, request, or suggestion regarding existing or possible service opportunities? Contact the church office, info@fumc-a2.org or 734-662-4536.

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. We will host three times this year: February 26-March 4, June 11-17, and November 5-11. *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, laurazabel-ford@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 annual fall community walk to relieve hunger domestically and worldwide will take place during a fall weekend in 2018. Date and location have not yet been announced. *Contact Spring Jackson, sjjackson2468@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.*

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Habitat for Humanity

In early spring 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.*

Immigrant Hospitality Team

The Immigrant Hospitality Team, with support from our solidarity congregation, seek to practice radical hospitality to address the injustice in the current immigration policy. This team coordinates assistance to immigrant families in partnership with the Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary Network, specifically undocumented individuals facing deportation who have decided to seek sanctuary in a local church while they engage legal recourse. We need sustainable support in terms of funding and volunteer services in the form of transportation, grocery shopping, interpretation, tutoring, and other daily tasks. *If interested in supporting this ministry, please contact Becky Dean (rebecca.dean11@gmail.com) or Erik Wong (wong_erik@yahoo.com).*



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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, Camp Bulalaka, and aid provided during the recent Ebola crisis. *Contact: Jean Eridon, jmeridon@aol.com, or 478-7209.*

L.O.V.E. Thy Neighbor

The **L**ocal **O**utreach **V**olunteer **E**ffort 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

- **UMW Weekend in Worship—Climate Justice**
Saturday, February 24 at Green Wood
Sunday, February 25 downtown
- **Intergenerational Gathering with FISH Fri**
Friday, March 16 downtown
6:00 AM optional pizza dinner
(rsvp required)
6:30-8:00 PM participation in various
service projects and activities
- **Keep Making
Peace Social
Action Event**
Saturday, April 14
University UMC,
East Lansing



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.

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 first two J.O.Y. luncheons in 2018 will be Tuesday, January 30 and Tuesday, May 8th. Lunch is served at your table and followed by a short program. In January we will hear from a Rosie the Riveter from our own congregation. Our May program will be hosted by the youth. Please join us for fun, food, and fellowship! *Contact: Tina Alee, 734-662-4536 or tina@fumc-a2.org.*



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.*

Caring Ministries

Neighborhood Care Groups

This past fall, every family in the church was 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.*

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 using email prayer chains. If there is a prayer concern, you may email, phone the church office, 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 other local churches and several of our members have received or are receiving training in this area. *If you feel you could benefit from meeting with a good listener or you are interested in training, 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, quilters, and weavers who make prayer shawls and prayer quilts for those in need of comfort. This group meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 1:00 PM at Green Wood. They meet January through May and September through the second Monday in November. *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 winter semester begins Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 PM. *Free dinner for students and younger alumni every Sunday evening following worship.*



Grads Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning January 3. For graduate & professional students & younger alumni.

Undergrad Bible Study

Every Wednesday during the semester at 8:00 PM, beginning January 3.

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 Chicago working with immigrants, we have renewed focus on issues related to immigrants and refugees. This is 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.



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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.



January 5 - **Carla Cooke** (\$15)

January 19 - **David Vaughn** (\$15)

February 9 - **Robbie Fulks** (\$20)

February 16 - **Juggernaut Jug Band** (\$15)

March 2 - **Livingston Taylor** (\$20)

SATURDAY, March 10 - **Mary Gauthier** (\$20)

March 16 - **Joel Mabus** (\$15)

March 23 - **John Ford Coley** (\$20)

April 6 - **Jim Lauderdale** (\$20)

April 13 - **Don Campbell** (\$15)

April 20 - **Bill Bynum & Co.** (\$15)

April 27 - **Missy Raines** (\$15)

May 4 - **Don White** (\$20)

May 11 - **Tom Chapin** (\$20)

To see detailed biographies of our Green Wood Coffee House performers, visit www.greenwoodcoffeehouse.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.

Special Music in our Downtown Worship Services

- Global Worship featuring music of African American Composers - *Sunday, February 11, 2018 (9:30 & 11:15 AM)*
- Ash Wednesday Taize Worship - *Wednesday, February 14, 2018 (7:00 PM)*
- Palm Sunday Worship with Children’s Choirs & Chancel Choir - *Sunday, March 25, 2018 (9:30 & 11:15 AM)*
- Easter Sunday Worship with Chorus and Brass Ensemble - *Sunday, April 1 2018 (9:30 & 11:15 AM)*
- Children’s Musical in Worship: “In the Image” written by Mark Burrows - *Sunday, May 13, 2018 (9:30 AM)*
- Music Sunday with Chancel Choir, Soli & Orchestra: Mendelssohn’s “Elijah, Op. 70” Part One (*9:30 AM worship*) and Part Two (*11:15 AM worship*) - *Sunday, May 20, 2018*

2018 Lent & Easter Worship Downtown

Our 2018 Lent and Easter worship will contain a wealth of music and liturgical arts offerings. Our core ensembles will share special selections throughout the Lenten season at our Sunday 9:30 AM worship services. Our First Vocal & Instrumental Ensembles will continue to mix musical styles including classical, jazz, contemporary, folk, and gospel in music our 11:15 AM worship services. The Chancel Choir will provide inspiring seasonal offerings on Maundy Thursday (March 29) and Good Friday (March 30).

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 to take part in brass, woodwind, string, 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)

Intermediate Bell Ensemble (new) - Wed. 6:00 - 7:00 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 - 12:00 PM (weekly)

Youth Bell and Instrumental Ensembles TBA (periodic)

Children's Ministries

Epworth Choir (3rd-6th grade) - Sun. 7:00 - 8:00 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. 9:00 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 II: “Beethoven & Brahms – Tragedy & Triumph” Jotaro Nakano, conductor

Sunday, January 21 — 3:00 PM

In a second appearance on this year’s Downtown Series, the Ann Arbor Camerata Orchestra will present another inspired concert featuring performances of works by two giant composers - Beethoven’s Egmont Overture and Brahms’ Symphony No. 1. These titan works of orchestral repertoire defied previous musical conventions and pioneered the romantic era. Witness these profound works of innovation, wonder, and grandeur!



A Global Weekend “The Footprints of African American Composers in Michigan”

Norah Duncan IV, Wayne State University, guest conductor

Wayne State University Concert Chorale, Symphonic Choir, and Choral Union

FUMC Chancel Choir, Youth Chorale & Epworth Children’s Choirs

Noah Horn, guest conductor

Saturday, February 10 - Boutique, Dinner & Concert

5:00-7:00 PM International Boutique

6:00 PM International Dinner *prepared by James Beard award-winning chef Alex Young*

7:30 PM Global Music Concert *with Norah Duncan IV, WSU Choirs & Soli, and FUMC Choirs*

Sunday, February 11 - Downtown Global Worship Services (9:30 & 11:15 AM)

Norah Duncan IV, FUMC Choirs and vocal staff

Norah Duncan IV is Professor and Chair of the Department of Music at Wayne State University and additionally serves as Area Coordinator for Organ Performance. As a liturgical musician, his Cathedral Choir has performed for several Papal Visits to Rome. With the Benedictine Monastery in Solesmes, France, Professor Duncan established the Gregorian Institute of Detroit for the study of Gregorian chant. He is also a contributing composer and consultant for the GIA Music Publishing Company while also serving as a member of the review committee for the popular “Lead Me, Guide Me” African American Catholic Hymnal. We are pleased to have Professor Duncan “in residence” at FUMC for our Annual Global Music Weekend, leading us on an exploration of the music of African American choral composers whose musical paths have connected them with our own Michigan musical heritage. We welcome the Wayne State University Choirs as they join us in a weekend of inspiring choral works by such composers as Adolphus Hailstork, Moses Hogan, Robert Harris, William Dawson, Brazeal Dennard, Lettie Halston, and guest composer Norah Duncan IV.



Ann Arbor First Music Series

University of Michigan Theatre Students' Afternoon Musicale

Cynthia Kortman Westphal, director

Sunday, March 11, 2018 - 3:00 PM

The University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance carries a national reputation among professional agents, casting directors, and producers as being among the best of its kind. We are delighted to welcome current students, under the direction of Musical Theatre Professor Cynthia Westphal, in presenting a dazzling afternoon performance of favorite Musical Theatre Selections.



A Showboat on the French Riviera FUMC Annual Dinner Show Fundraiser FUMC Vocal Staff and Chancel Choir

Saturday, May 5, 2018 - 6:00 PM

Under the culinary skills of James Beard Award-Winning Chef Alex Young, a sumptuous meal of french cuisine will be prepared. Enjoy the show, which takes place as you dine in our Social Hall. A musical theme of the "French Riviera", features our FUMC Vocal Staff singing repertoire from classic musicals, beloved operatic moments, and popular French Café tunes. Selections include such favorites as Old Man River, Make Believe, La Boheme's Quando m'en vo, Mancini's Moon River and much more! A rousing finale will conclude the evening. Ticket prices, donor levels and additional information will be available in the spring.

Mendelssohn: Elijah, Op. 70

Jessica Dold, soprano, Kristen Dininno, alto,
Stanford Olsen, tenor, Stephen West, bass,
FUMC Chancel Choir, Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra,
Ann Marie Koukios, conductor

Sunday, May 20 -

Part I (9:30 AM) & Part II (11:15 AM)

Through a libretto comprised of successive scenes depicting Elijah's journey, the biblical characters are musically brought to life in Mendelssohn's 1846 oratorio. The Bible served as the cornerstone of Mendelssohn's daily life as well as the inspiration for much of his work. Mendelssohn's writings and letters reveal a profound faith in God as well as a great respect for the biblical word. According to the composer, in Elijah, "The personages should act and speak as if they were living beings from a real world, such as you find in every chapter of the Old Testament." The resultant work is an inspiring addition to the repertoire of sacred choral music and powerful testament of faith. Don't miss this exciting two-part worship offering!

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.

New Verse Chamber Ensemble

Sunday, January 28

Ann Arbor Camerata Chamber Concert II

Sunday, February 25

Ann Arbor Camerata Chamber Concert III

Sunday, March 18

Ypsilanti Town Band with David Vaughn

Sunday, April 15

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