



Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood

for the week beginning Sunday, March 17, 2019

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesdays. Send via email to adele@fumc-a2.org or call the church office, 662-4536.



Vital Conversations - Ethnic Identity: What Are You? Brittney Jackson Brown is the speaker in the Vital Conversations video for **Sun., Mar. 17** at 11am in Calkins Hall. Ms. Brown will discuss how important it is to welcome new people - especially people of color and multiracial people - to church. Vital Conversations is a series that invites us to a dialogue that moves us toward spiritual, community, and social transformation. All are invited to come and join the conversation!

Connections time is not just for snacks. Do you see someone sitting or standing alone? Go over and say "Hi!" — that's why it's called "Connections!"



🕒 **Connect the Dots** — Have you missed seeing friends in your pew recently? Call them and let them know!

In the display cases downtown through May 12 is the camera collection of Rick DeHart along with his photographic art. The display will change every few weeks, so look often.

In Lent we will take a moment in worship to celebrate how our church is making a difference in the lives of individuals and communities in need. If there is a meaningful story about something you've been involved with here at First Church, we'd love to hear it! Please send your thoughts and pictures to this special email address: generosity@fumc-a2.org.

Rainbow Crossing is a ministry dedicated to ensuring that all persons can be full, dynamic members of their faith in our church. This group is a supportive community for persons who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or allies (LGBTQ). Our next meeting is **Sun., Mar. 24** at 3:30pm in the Asbury room downtown. Join us for good discussions and, of course, good food!

NADIA BOLZ-WEBER
will be here
Tuesday, March 19
at 7:00 p.m. in our downtown sanctuary

"Outside the Walls: Bringing the Church into the Community"



Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This event is not ticketed, however Sanctuary seating is limited to 525. Overflow seating provided in the Social Hall. Book sales at event provided by Literati Bookstore. Book-signing will take place at the end of the event.

www.fumc-a2.org/nadia

Fragments and Stations of the Cross: A Lenten Practice—Revisit the Pilgrimage of Hope stations of the cross from last year as an inspiration for creating a collage of either your personal or our communal journey from brokenness to healing. As we tear fragments of paper to create the collages, we remember that God sees a core of beauty behind our tattered pieces. Please join us **Sun., Mar. 24** at 11am in Calkins Hall for this thought-provoking spiritual practice for Lent. ***Please bring an old magazine -- we will tear and cut them up!*

Rock your way through Lent — Please take advantage of the soothing motion of rockers in Wesley Lounge and Green Wood. You'll find rocking reflections by the rockers that can guide you into a peaceful place or just simply rock to your heart's content.

★ **Do you want to help shape the future of our church?** Sign up to be on one of four work teams. Information/sign-up here: <https://tinyurl.com/FUMC-a2-future>

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Prayer Requests



The FUMC Prayer Chain is here for all, members, friends, and visitors. If you have a prayer concern, you may email your request, write the request and place it in the Prayer Request Box in the narthex, submit your request via the church website, or contact one of the pastors directly. To submit your request via email, contact Olivia Fanning at olfanning@icloud.com.



Our Disability Awareness talk for March: "Living with a Loved one with Mental Illness."

Mental Illness is not easily talked about yet is more common than we may know. Talking

about it is a beginning to understanding. Come and hear Eric Hammar share his experience. We will meet in the Asbury room on **Sun., Mar. 31** at 11am. All are welcome.

Want to learn about and explore how you, and we as a church, might contribute to solving food insecurity issues in our community, Michigan and in the US? Mind the Gap will meet **Mon., Apr. 1*** at 7pm, downtown in the Asbury Room. Join us to discuss current issues and explore what work we can do next. With questions contact Lynn Palacios, palaca2@aol.com. **This meeting replaces the meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, March 31st.* All are welcome!



Those interested in the January 2020 trip to the Holy Land should know that an initial payment is due by **Sun., Apr. 14**. More information available here: www.fumc-a2.org/holyland2020.

Announcing our Spring Adult Retreat weekend! How do we pray? Have you ever wondered if there is a "right" way to pray? Do you feel like you don't really know how to pray, and you are reluctant to say so? Join us **April 26-28** at Lake Huron Retreat Center (just north of Port Huron, approximately two hours from Ann Arbor) for a retreat on prayer led by Rev. Nancy Lynn. Complete information and registration now available online: <http://tinyurl.com/fumc-a2-aprilretreat>.

An Evening in Paris!

SAVE THE DATE
S'il vous plait!
Saturday, May 4
6:00 p.m. Dinner Show
Information coming soon!

Sisterhood Gathering! Please come to the Green Wood service at 5pm on **Sat., Apr. 6** and stay afterwards for a potluck and games starting at 6:30pm. Sign up online with what you will bring: <http://tinyurl.com/april6sisterhoodpotluck>. We will brainstorm about other gatherings and the summer flygirlz trip. Everyone and their friends are welcome! Questions? Contact Kim Garver at kagarver@gmail.com or Carol Teener at michiganmomma@gmail.com.



Access News

Did You Know? Nearly 1 out of 5 people in the US have a disability and about 90% of them do not attend church.



13 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

7 Make sure your event is **affordable**. Along with scholarships and carpooling, invite economically diverse speakers to take part.



Income inequality has been growing since the late 1970s. Earnings have fallen with globalization, decline of unions, and technological innovations.

Join the Appalachia Mission Trip March 27-30



Appalachia Mission Trip

March 27-30, 2019

Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Kentucky

If you are looking for a way to get your whole family involved in mission work this spring, this is the project for you!

A group of individuals and families from FUMC-Ann Arbor will travel to the United Methodist Mission at Henderson Settlement in Appalachia to work on a variety of community projects. Some of the possible projects include residing a house or painting a porch, installing gutters, helping to re-roof, sorting books for the library, or sorting clothes and household items at the resale shop. Projects are catered towards all age groups so everyone can take part at their skill and comfort level. We will carpool down together. Accommodations will be in Hope and Brick House. **Cost: \$150 per person, for room and board, plus \$50 per family toward mission project costs.** Questions? Please contact either Sheila Waterhouse (sanddhouse8@gmail.com) or Bob Florka (robertflorka@gmail.com)



To register see our webpage at www.fumc-a2.org/henderson



Do you want to help those reeling from recent natural disasters?

Donations to UMCOR are used to respond to emergencies both domestically and abroad.

Write a check to "FUMC", put UMCOR in the memo, and put it in the collection plate. Give generously: 100% of your donation goes directly to assistance.



WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY

WEEKLY WESLEY LINE-UP

Sundays | 5:00-7:00PM Worship & Dinner

Mondays | 10:00AM Divine Brew, Espresso Royale

Wednesdays | 6:30PM Grad Bible Study

| 8:00PM Undergrad Bible Study

Thursdays | 7:00PM FoQUS: Fellowship of Queer

University Students — Interdenominational

fellowship group for LGBTQ+ Christians at *Lord of Light Lutheran Church (801 S. Forest Ave.)*

SAVE THE DATE!

April 13-14, 2019 will be the next Henry M. Loud Lecture! We will welcome **Rev. Steven D. Martin**, Director of Communications and Development for the National Council of Churches.



Saturday, April 13, 7:00pm: Viewing his documentary, *Theologians Under Hitler*

Sunday, April 14, 3:00pm: Lecture, "A History That Rhymes: Lives We Can Learn From Today"

More details to come!



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Notable meetings on our calendar

Meetings unique to the days ahead are listed below. Scan qr code at right for our full calendar.



SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Adult Faith Formation: Vital Conversations (11:00a) Calkins

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Earthkeepers Climate Justice Group (7:00p) Asbury
Finance (7:00p) Chapel

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Nadia Bolz-Weber (7:00p) Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

New Beginnings (2:00p) Asbury
Lenten Book Study of "Shameless" (5:30p) Social Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Second Quartile Bible Study (7:30p) Aldersgate

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

PM3 (12:30p) Asbury
Green Wood Coffee House: John Ford Coley (8:00p)
Green Wood

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Chancel Choir Retreat (9:00a) Social Hall, Sanctuary, Chapel

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Adult Faith Formation: Lenten Stations of the Cross (11:00a)
Calkins
Youth Group to Chelsea Retirement Community (2:00p) Offsite
Green Wood Chamber Concert: Ann Arbor Camerata III
Baroque Orchestra (3:00p) Green Wood
Rainbow Crossing (3:30p) Asbury

Drop-in Weekly Gatherings

The groups below welcome visitors at any time. Join one or more groups to enjoy fellowship while seeking to know God, love others, and serve the world. For more information on a group listed, contact the church office or consult the website.

SUNDAYS: Global Issues (11am Chapel) This group meets to discuss timely and meaningful topics, Sept.- May. This class uses the "Great Decisions" text from the Foreign Policy Association (fpa.org). All are welcome.

MONDAYS: Monday Yoga (11:40am) Calkins One-hour beginning yoga class with Holly Vogtmann — bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and \$13 per visit.

TUESDAYS: Brown Bag Bible Advent Study (12:00pm Chapel) A one-hour midday drop-in study. Through March 26, we will study the book of Acts. Bring your lunch!

TUESDAYS: Paint Studio (3:30pm Asbury) A group of watercolor artists meets weekly to work on personal and group projects. People working in water-based media are welcome!

WEDNESDAYS: Alcoholics Anonymous for Women (4:30-5:30pm Green Wood)

FRIDAYS: Alcoholics Anonymous (9:30-10:30am Social Hall)

FRIDAYS: Debtors Anonymous (11:30am-12:30pm Chapel)

FRIDAYS: L.O.V.E. Thy Neighbor Bag Lunch preparation (6:30-7:30pm Kitchen) Prepare bag lunches for distribution to our community homeless.

SATURDAYS: Men Of Faith (8:00am Asbury) Gathering of men interested in exploring faith expression.

SATURDAYS: Alcoholics Anonymous (10:00-11:00am Social Hall)

Coming up

Mar. 27-30 - Appalachia Mission Trip at Henderson Settlement
Apr. 5 - Green Wood Coffee House: John Flynn
Apr. 7 - GW Chamber Concert: Red Shoe
Apr. 12 - Green Wood Coffee House: Don Campbell
Apr. 13 - Youth Worship
Apr. 14 - Palm Sunday / Youth Worship
Apr. 18 - Maundy Thursday Worship
Apr. 19 - Good Friday downtown community services
Good Friday Green Wood evening services
Apr. 21 - Easter Sunday
Apr. 22 - Buildings/offices closed
Apr. 26 - Adult Spring Retreat at Lake Huron Retreat Ctr
Green Wood Coffee House: James Gordon
Apr. 28 - Youth Academy Awards
May 3 - Green Wood Coffee House: Kat Eggleston
May 4 - Evening in Paris Dinner Show fundraiser
May 5 - Confirmation
New Member class
May 10 - Green Wood Coffee House: Mary Gauthier
May 12 - GW Chamber Concert: Modern Harp Quartet

Green Wood Coffee House Series

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

March 22 - John Ford Coley (\$20)
April 5 - John Flynn (\$15)
April 12 - Don Campbell (\$20)
April 26 - James Gordon (\$15)

All concerts begin at 8pm. Doors open at 7:30pm.
Seating is first come, first served. Refreshments available.

Reservations are highly recommended! (1) Online reservations/purchases may be made through the webpage (www.greenwoodcoffeehouse.org), (2) Conventional reservation method is to call Green Wood (665-8558) and leave a message with your name, no. of tickets, and performance date; then write a check to "FUMC" for the total, with "GW Coffee House" in the memo and send to: GREEN WOOD - 1001 GREEN RD., ANN ARBOR, MI 48105. We'll see you at the door at 7:30 p.m. on performance night. *Either way you make your reservation, tickets aren't mailed.*

