



# Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood

for the week beginning Sunday, March 24, 2019

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

**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!*



**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>

**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. Rev. Nancy Lynn will discuss the recent decision at General Conference in St. Louis about LGBT inclusiveness in the church. Join us for good discussions and, of course, good food!

**Survey says...** Some reasons church visitors do not return are unfriendly church members, no place to get information, a church website that is difficult to navigate, and frequent use of insider church language. How are we doing? Share your ideas at the Welcome table during Connections fellowship time, with a pastor, or contact the church office.



**It is time to wrestle with all the old junk in the Promenade** — Bring work gloves and a spring cleaning spirit and join Mr. Henry Brown as we fill a dumpster! Meet in the promenade at 9am this **Wed., Mar. 27.**

**Please note:** There are no scrip sales today (Sunday morning.) Look for scrip sales next Sunday (March 31) to support Youth Missions!

**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](mailto:generosity@fumc-a2.org).

**Lots of information comes from the church electronically,** including weekly "Thursday Thoughts" emails. You can sign up for several different email lists through our website—point your browser to <http://www.fumc-a2.org/getnews>.



**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.

An Evening in Paris!

SAVE THE DATE  
S'il vous plait!

**Saturday, May 4**  
6:00 p.m. Dinner Show  
Information coming soon!

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The Second Quartile group will meet for our monthly brunch and fellowship after the early service on **Sun., Mar. 31**. Please come find us in Connections at 11am where we will walk over to a local restaurant of our choice. Anyone is 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](mailto:palaca2@aol.com). *\*This meeting replaces the meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, March 31st. All are welcome!*

**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](mailto:kagarver@gmail.com) or Carol Teener at [michiganmomma@gmail.com](mailto:michiganmomma@gmail.com).

### Access News

Wheel Chair Etiquette:

- ◆ Respect a person's wheel chair or scooter as a person's personal body space. Avoid leaning or hanging on to their device.
- ◆ If conversation lasts more than a few minutes, consider sitting down or kneeling to get on the same eye level.
- ◆ Always ask the person using the wheel chair if she or he would like assistance before you help. If help is requested, listen to or ask for instructions.
- ◆ Don't assume that using a wheelchair or scooter is in itself a tragedy. It is a means of freedom that allows the person to move about.



**Super cool yard signs for sale!** We designed and had made

50 two-sided yard signs to help our neighbors know that we are an inclusive congregation. These are for sale at Connections and through the office for \$10 each, which covers the cost of printing. Help spread the word about your amazing church!

**Learn about Alzheimer's, dementia and memory loss.** All are invited to an Alzheimer's Community Forum on **Sat., Apr. 13**, from 12:30-2:30pm at the Ypsilanti Senior Citizen Center (1015 N. Congress, Ypsilanti.) Bring a friend who has been affected by the disease. Share your thoughts about how we can help people in your community. Lunch will be provided; please pre-register to ensure meal. Registration requested: 369-2716/[aelliston@alz.org](mailto:aelliston@alz.org).

**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>.

**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](http://www.fumc-a2.org/holyland2020).



### 13 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

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**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.*



# 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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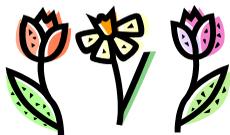
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## 2019 MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS

This year we will again celebrate loved ones by contributing toward the cost of Easter flowers that decorate our sanctuaries.

As in past years, funds generated above and beyond the cost of the plants will be used for our Emergency Relief Fund which helps distressed families and individuals with hunger, transportation, shelter, and other personal issues.

The cost for each flower donation is \$15.00. Make your check payable to FUMC with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

The deadline is Monday, April 15 to include your names in the Easter bulletin insert.



### One donation (\$15):

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*Please return this form to the church office with your contribution. Thank you!*



## 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 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

### **MONDAY, MARCH 25**

**Uncommon Threads** (1:00p) Green Wood

**Memorial Garden Committee** (6:30p) Asbury

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27**

**Leadership Council** (7:00p) Chapel

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**Inclusive Justice** (9:00a) Green Wood

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 30**

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

**Adult Faith Formation: Disability/Mental Illness** (11:00a) 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](http://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)

## 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.*

April 5 - John Flynn (\$15)

April 12 - Don Campbell (\$20)

April 26 - James Gordon (\$15)

May 3 - Kat Eggleston (\$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](http://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.*

## Coming up

Apr. 5 - Green Wood Coffee House: John Flynn

Apr. 7 - GW Chamber Concert: Red Shoe

Apr. 12 - Green Wood Coffee House: Don Campbell

Spring retreat registration deadline

Apr. 13-14 - Wesley Loud Lecture weekend with

Rev. Steven D. Martin

Apr. 13 - Youth Worship

Apr. 14 - Palm Sunday / Youth Worship

Israel 2020 deposits are due

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



## 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](mailto:olfanning@icloud.com).