



Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood

for the week beginning Sunday, August 18, 2019

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

The downtown building will be closed on Wednesday, August 28 until 2pm.

The Earthkeepers Group meets on the third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Asbury room. The group will meet again **Aug. 19**. All are welcome! We discuss issues of the environment and climate change, social justice related to those issues, and what we can do to help. Contact person: Marilee Woodworth, marileewoodworth@ameritech.net.

The Connections Coffee Team (World Peace Café) is looking for volunteers to join our team, beginning in September. We are the people who prepare the coffee for everyone to enjoy between services from September through May. Team members prepare coffee and set up the table by 10:30am, then clean-up following Connections. Time commitment is to be in charge about once every four to five weeks. It is not difficult and is a good way to meet others at church and make people happy. You know how folks love their coffee in the morning! Contact Cathy Pardon if you are interested and/or to find out more: cpardon@comcast.net or 734-662-1576 (home), 734-417-7615 (cell).



Summer Building Hours — Our buildings will be closed and locked at 4:30pm Tuesday-Friday through the summer months. If your evening meeting is already scheduled, a staff member has been identified to give your group secure access.



Access News

Do you have a concern or suggestion about accessibility and our church? There are green comment cards available in the fellowship folders in the pews or you may email Mary McClusky at access@fumc-a2.org.

FALL FESTIVAL!

plan to stay after worship

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Food & Fellowship!
Festivities & Fun!

Invite a friend!



Through September, enjoy a photography exhibit from Mark Hansen in the downtown display cases. Mark has been the photographer for the Michigan State Marching Band for 15 years.

2020 Costa Rica Mission trip — Would you be interested in working on continuing projects at the children's home in Costa Rica at Hogar Metodista near San Jose for one to two weeks next February? Find out about the 2020 trip at an informational meeting on **Thu., Sep. 5** at 6:30pm at West Side UMC (900 S. Seventh St.) This meeting is for new people who are considering going and for past participants as well. If you have been on this mission trip before, this is the perfect opportunity to invite someone new who may have expressed an interest. The Mission trip is planned for February 1-15, with a one- or two-week option. The target group size for each week is 18. With questions please contact Pat Carson, plpmcarson@comcast.net, Mary Danforth, m19danforth44@gmail.com, or Tom Jeppson tomjeppson@comcast.net.

Fair Trade Coffee Bean sales will resume in September. Would you be willing to help by selling the coffee beans one or two Sundays a month? If so, please contact Adele Roy in the church office, adele@fumc-a2.org.



Lots of information comes from the church electronically, including weekly "Thursday Thoughts" emails. Sign up for different email lists at <http://www.fumc-a2.org/getnews>.

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Why sign the Welcome Folder? It's a way to see who is sitting around you and greet others in your pew by name, even if you've never met. Welcome first-time visitors and ask what brought them to our church. Be prepared to give them information about our ministries or find someone else who can. Welcome Folders also let us know who has been missing from worship. Please sign in every time you worship!

Do you like being with kids? Do you also like having a little cash for extras? We are looking for someone to provide child care on Monday nights this fall from 6:15-7:45pm for \$20 at the downtown church. We have a new small group of families with small children who would greatly appreciate the child care help! For more information, contact Debbie Houghton, debbie@fumc-a2.org.

Welcome your neighbor by wearing your nametag! If you need a nametag, contact the office — info@fumc-a2.org or 662-4536.

Please join the Immigration Hospitality Team (IHT) and work with us on sanctuary efforts in our community! Plan to join us for our next meeting on **Mon., Aug. 26** from 6:30-7:30pm at Green Wood — we'll discuss sanctuary updates and upcoming training and education events.

If you're ill or you are aware of someone else who is hospitalized or having surgery, please contact the church office or Amy Kennedy at amy@fumc-a2.org. Hospitals don't notify us when one of our members is admitted: we depend on you!



Are you planning to hear author and activist Sister Helen Prejean speak in our sanctuary on Tue., Sep. 11? Then please consider helping us out by either ushering or greeting from 6-7 p.m., before the 7 p.m. talk!

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/FUMCprejean>. For more information, contact Debbie Houghton - debbie@fumc-a2.org.



13 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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Strive to **reduce toxins**.
Avoid petroleum-based products and toxic cleaning- and lawncare-products.



Do you want to help those caring for migrants at our southern border?



Donations to UMCOR are used to respond to emergencies both domestically and abroad. UMCOR is also funding several special initiatives to protect the legal rights of migrants along the border through National Justice For Our Neighbors (NJFON), which provides free or low-cost immigration legal services to migrants. Write a check to "FUMC", put "UMCOR Advance #3022144" in the memo, and put it in the collection plate. Give generously: 100% of your donation goes directly to assistance.



Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry designed to help people going through tough transitions in life. Stephen Ministers are not therapists, but active listeners who walk alongside people experiencing grief, loss, or tense relationships. They are available for confidential one-on-one visits, to be a presence of Christian love and caring for those who need support. With interest, contact the office or email amy@fumc-a2.org.

Taking photos at FUMC — We are excited to see so many people taking photographs of congregational events that capture the beauty of our community. A quick reminder that photographs of children/youth under the age of 18 cannot be taken without parental permission. Photos of children/youth also cannot be posted on social media without parental permission. Thanks for making this a safe and welcoming place for all ages.



FUMC Ann Arbor is on Facebook!

Join us via our website: www.fumc-a2.org.

Children's Ministries

Serving children birth through grade 6 and their families



9:20am: Pre-worship

Drop off available for children birth to 2yrs Nursery

9:35am: Time with Children

(in the worship service) Sanctuary

9:40am: Summer Sundays

All children kindergarten and younger (and first time visitors) must be accompanied to their classroom and signed in by a parent/guardian.

Birth-2yrs Nursery

3yrs to rising Kindergarten A room

Rising 1st-6th grade Service projects in the Social Hall

10:30am: Dismissal

Children second grade and younger need to be picked up by a parent/guardian.

3yrs to rising Kindergarten B room or Playground

Rising 1st-6th graders Social Hall

TODAY: Small Group Summer Reunion

With ice cream and games! Wesley Lawn, 10:30-11:15am

TODAY: Small Group Leader Fall Prep

Chapel, 11:15am-1:00pm

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"Students at Wesley Foundation" or "Wesley at Michigan Alumni & Friends"

Youth Ministries

Serving grades 7 to 12 and their families



Senior Pool Party & Planning

Tuesday, August 20, 4-7 pm

Attention 12th Graders! Make a splash at the Dolfin Pool, 2505 Prairie St (northeast Ann Arbor). We'll cover the guest fees. Sandwiches and drinks provided; please bring a salad, fruit, dessert or side dish to share.

Go Bananas! at our Fall Kickoff

Come to the Southeast Area Park on Sunday, Sep. 8, 6-8 pm for dinner and Fruity Fun Games in the park!

Mark Your Calendar: Fall Retreat Friday-Sunday, October 25-27

Mark your calendars for our fun-filled, getting-to-know you, faith-building experience at Judson Collins Retreat Center in the Irish Hills (about 45 minutes away). Open to all 7th through 12th graders.

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\$20.23 for 2023

During the summer months we are holding a \$20.23 campaign! We are asking 100 people to give \$20.23 in honor of the incoming class of 2023. We would love for you to be one of those 100! Our staff and board of directors are committed to giving, and we hope you'll join us. Each year our funding continues to shift, and we rely more on individual givers. \$2,023 would help us provide a warm welcome to our incoming students and help support our ministry.

You may make your donation through our website <https://www.umichwesley.org/support>, through PayPal (<https://tinyurl.com/wesleypaypal>), or by writing a check to "The Wesley Foundation."





Notable meetings on our calendar

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Kids small groups reunion on the Lawn (10:30a) Wesley Lawn
Science & Religion planning (11:00a) Asbury
Kids small group leader preparation (11:15a) Chapel
Ypsilanti Neighborhood Care Group potluck (3:30p) Green Wood

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Youth Parent Council (6:00p) offsite
Earthkeepers Climate Justice group (7:30p) Asbury

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

UMW Mission Team (9:00a) Chapel
Boy Scout Planning & Court of Honor (4:00p) Green Wood
12th grade youth pool party & planning (4:00p) offsite

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

New Beginnings (1:00p) Asbury

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Youth Counselors (6:00p) offsite
FUMCN Parent Orientation Night (6:00p) Social Hall
Immigration Hospitality Team (6:30p) Green Wood

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Building closed until 2:00pm
Leadership Council (7:00p) Chapel

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Labor Day Holiday

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.*

TUESDAYS: Paint Studio (2:30pm location TBA) A group of watercolor artists meets weekly to work on personal and group projects. People working in water-based media are welcome! Please contact Mara Palty to find out the location each week: gpalty@aol.com

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.

September 6 - The Rough and Tumble (\$15)
September 13 - Tracy Grammer (\$15)
September 20 - David Roth (\$15)
October 4 - Sophie B. Hawkins (\$20)
October 11 - Brooks Williams (\$15)
October 18 - Melanie (\$20)
October 25 - Chuck Brodsky (\$15)
November 1 - Jonathan Edwards (\$20)
November 8 - Windborne (\$15)
November 15 - Jeremy Horn (\$15)
November 22 - Peter Mayer (\$15)
December 6 - Don White (\$20)
December 13 - Katie Geddes & Friends (\$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.*

Coming Up

Sep. 5 - Costa Rica Mission Trip info mtg at West Side UMC
Sep. 6 - GW Coffee House: The Rough & Tumble
Sep. 8 - Fall Festival on the Lawn
+ Youth Fall Kickoff at SE Park
Sep. 11 - Wednesday morning Rise & Shine worship begins
+ Sister Helen Prejean speaks on "River of Fire"
Sep. 13 - GW Coffee House: Tracy Grammer
Sep. 15 - Essentials Worship at 11:15am begins
+ Still Beloved Worship at 6:30pm downtown
Sep. 20 - GW Coffee House: David Roth
Sep. 21 - Amy Fedel Memorial Benefit Concert at 7:30pm
Sep. 22 - Melanie Demore in worship



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 via email, contact Olivia Fanning at olfanning@icloud.com.