



Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood for the week beginning Sunday, September 1, 2019

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



This is our First Weekend Food Drive!



Thank you for your donations that support the homeless and working poor in our community!

Our buildings and offices will be closed Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.

Coffee and Cookies? Yes, please! If you enjoy the cookies, the coffee, or the company at Connections, we need YOU! Gather your Neighborhood Group, book-study or service groups. We are in need of groups of about six people at a time to host Connections. Sign up for just one Sunday, or multiple Sundays throughout the year. Hosts provide food, set-up, serve and clean-up. Individuals also welcome. To sign up please contact Laura Olech at laura.olech@gmail.com.

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 great appreciate the child care help! For more information, contact Debbie Houghton, debbie@fumc-a2.org.

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.



A memorial service for Al Neelands will take place Sunday, September 8 at 3:00 p.m. in the downtown sanctuary.

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).



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@comast.net, Mary Danforth, m19danforth44@gmail.com, or Tom Jeppson tomjeppson@comcast.net.

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★ **The FUMC staff has recently made the decision to change our church management software.** Effective immediately we will be processing contributions using a new program called Pushpay. The system is very intuitive. To use Pushpay, simply go to the FUMC website and click on the GIVE link. If you are making a recurring gift to FUMC you will receive an email in the next few days asking you to set-up your gift in Pushpay and cancel it from our prior system. We appreciate the fact that this is the second change we have made in less than two years and apologize for the inconvenience this causes. We hope you will agree that using Pushpay provides a much more pleasant experience in making online payments.

Pilar's Stands with Immigrants & Refugees Sun., Sep. 8 – 4 to 7 pm at White Lotus Farms (7217 W Liberty Rd, Ann Arbor) This community benefit dinner features four nonprofits in Washtenaw County: Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, Washtenaw Interfaith Council for Immigrant Rights, Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary, and Michigan Support Circle. These organizations provide vital services to the immigrant and refugee community. Ticket price includes food by Pilar's Tamales, pinata for kids, entrance in a raffle of goods from local merchants, and live music by Detroit artist Vespre and George Montrelle. The event also features a silent auction of stunning items from local vendors and artisans as well as a make-your-own-flower-arrangement station. Tickets are \$45/adults; \$12/kids under 12; available at Pilar's Tamales.

Planning is underway for the 2020 mission trip to Kenya! Tentative dates are Feb. 27 - Mar. 7 (Mission only), or through Mar. 12 (Mission & National Parks). If you have ever thought about coming along or finding a way to support the team, visit our table at the **Sun., Sep. 8** Fall Festival OR attend an informational meeting on **Sun., Sep. 22** after the 9:30am service. Everyone is welcome! With questions contact Kathy Macdonald, kmac@macdgroup.com, or Greg Hulbert, hulbert@umich.edu.



13 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

12 Plan events that reduce waste.

Compost. Donate excess food. Use reusable centerpieces. Reduce the amount of packaging and other disposable products you use. Chose reusable plates, cups and utensils instead.



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. Give generously: 100% of your donation goes directly to assistance.



Access News

Do you need assistance walking? At the downtown church there is a complimentary roller walker and two wheelchairs available for use in the usher's closet in the narthex.

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.



The 2019 Amy Fedel Memorial Benefit Concert will take place **Sat., Sep. 21** at 7:30pm, following the worship service at Green Wood. Music provided by several Ann Arbor-based bands and performers, including The Bonfire Poets (acoustic and electric favorites), Five Miles More (jazz and standards). Patti Jarosz, and Jeff and the Deck Chairs. As always there will be audience participation with the Singalong Jukebox. The concert benefits MADD, the Brain Injury Association, and the Epilepsy Foundation. No tickets – free-will donations accepted at the door. Suggested donation is \$15/adults and \$3/kids.) Please don't let cost stop you from coming. For more information about this and past shows, see www.fedel.com/amyandlisa.

Children's Ministries



Serving children birth through grade 6 and their families

9:20am: Pre-worship

Drop off available for children birth—2yrs..... Nursery

9:35am: Time with Children

(in the worship service).....Sanctuary

9:40am: Summer Sundays

Rising 1st-6th graders participate in worship with their families. 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

10:30am: Dismissal

Children need to be picked up by a parent/guardian.
3yrs to rising Kindergarten.....B room or Playground

Looking Ahead (see more detail in weekly email)

- Kid Small groups Opening Day Celebration
Sep. 8 (9:40-10:30a), Social Hall
- Epworth Children's Choir (3-6th gr.) resumes
Sep. 8, (5:00-6:00pm), room 211
- Carol Children's Choir (1st-2nd gr.) resumes
Sep. 15, (10:45-11:10am), room 211
- Small Group Leader Fall prep
Sep. 15 & 22 (11:30a-12:45p), Asbury room

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Youth Ministries



Serving grades 7 to 12 and their families

FiSH FRI for 7th Grade Families **Friday, Sep. 6, 6-8 pm, FUMC** **Downtown Social Hall**

To welcome our new 7th graders to youth group, we are trying something new. We are having a "FiSH FRI" (FiSH = Families in Service Here) type activity where we share a pizza dinner and work together on some service projects. We'll have some youth program handouts for you but the focus will be on building relationships.

Please email wendy@fumc-a2.org to sign up!

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! Friends welcome!

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."



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





Notable meetings on our calendar

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



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 Labor Day Holiday

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

FUMCN Meet the Teacher day

Staff Parish Relations Committee (7:00p) Green Wood

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

FUMCN Meet the Teacher day

FUMCN Maintenance / Set-up (6:00p) Classrooms

Costa Rica Mission Trip information mtg (6:30p) Westside UMC

First Chancel Choir Practice (7:00p) Social Hall

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

FUMCN Meet the Teacher day

Inclusive Justice (9:00a) Green Wood

Seventh Grade Service Evening (6:00p) Social Hall

GW Coffee House: The Rough and Tumble (8:00p) Green Wood

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Chancel Choir Retreat (9:00a) Social Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

All Church Fall Festival (10:30a) Wesley Lawn

AI Neelands Memorial Service (3:00p) Sanctuary

Wesley Kick-off (5:00p) Wesley Lawn

FIRST Epworth Choir practice (5:00pm) Room 211

Youth Kick-off (6:00p) Southeast Area Park

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 (2:00pm location 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.

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 "FUMCN" 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. 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

+ Vital Conversations book study of "White Fragility" begins

+ Still Beloved worship at 6:30pm downtown

Sep. 20 - GW Coffee House: David Roth

Sep. 21 - What Can We Do About Climate Change? workshop

+ Amy Fedel Memorial Benefit Concert at 7:30pm

Sep. 22 - Melanie Demore in worship

+ Adult Faith: Disability Awareness Workshop on Mobility

+ The Living Room worship at 5pm in the Wesley Lounge begins

Sep. 24 - J.O.Y. Luncheon



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.

