



Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood for the week beginning Sunday, September 8, 2019

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



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



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 that using Pushpay provides a much more pleasant experience in making online payments.

Immigrant Hospitality Team (IHT) – Please join the IHT and work with us on Sanctuary efforts in our community! We will be at Fall Festival **today (Sunday), Sep. 8** to answer any questions you might have about our work, actions and projects. Please plan to join us for our next meeting on Mon., Oct. 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm at Green Wood. We will discuss upcoming training and education events.

Brown Bag Study of Jeremiah—Bring your lunch and join us for this hour-long Bible study on the book of Jeremiah this fall. This drop-in weekly “Brown Bag” study is a great place to either begin a regular practice of reading Bible, or to ponder books of the Bible you have yet to read. No home work! Just jump right in and join the conversation! Tuesdays, beginning **Tue., Sep. 10** from noon to 1:00pm in the Chapel.

Sister Helen Prejean will be with us this Wednesday! As part of our ongoing partnership with Literati Bookstore, we are happy to announce that Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, and longtime social justice activist, will present her latest book, *River of Fire*, and have a conversation with Rev. Nancy Lynn in our sanctuary on **Wed., Sep. 11** at 7 p.m. (Tickets required: Go to <https://www.fumc-a2.org/riveroffire> to read more and secure your ticket!)



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.



FUMC Ann Arbor is on Facebook! Join us via our website: www.fumc-a2.org.

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One of the biggest changes for the fall is that we will go from three weekly worship services to *five!* Please see the descriptions of each service on our website so you can explore all of your options:

www.fumc-a2.org/five

Wednesday "Rise & Shine" (7:30am)
Starts 9/11

Saturday Green Wood (5:00pm)

Sunday "Traditions" (9:30am)

Sunday "Essentials" (11:15am)
Starts 9/15

Sunday "The Living Room" (5:00pm)
Starts 9/22

NEW WORSHIP SERVICES!

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 **today, Sun., Sep. 8** at 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.

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.

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.

Rise & Shine Worship on Wednesdays, starting Sep. 11.

Begin your day offering gratitude with your neighbors. Start time 7:30 am; on your way by 8am. Join us to celebrate new light and love every morning. No sermon, just psalms, songs, and prayers in community. Meets in the Sanctuary choir loft. All are welcome!



Next Sunday we begin our Third Sunday Vital Conversations. Elaine Shaw begins the fall season with a study of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo. Book discussion is

planned for **Sep. 15, Oct. 20, and Nov. 17** meetings. Meets 11:00 am – 12:15 pm in Calkins Hall.



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.

Sarah's Sisters will meet at 1:15 pm on **Mon., Sep. 16** at Moon Winks Cafe on Plymouth Rd in Dixboro. Come and be part of a group of women who are asking and listening, encouraging and supporting, caring and doing. Join us as we share, pray and listen. All are welcome. More info: contact Dee Chapell 734-253-2547, or deechapell@aol.com.

What Can We Do About Climate Change?

All are invited to a workshop from Earthkeepers on **Sat., Sep. 21** beginning at 10am at Green Wood. A United Methodist Women potluck will follow at noon. All are welcome to the workshop and potluck!

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.



Access News

Accessible Parking at Downtown Church:

There are four accessible parking spaces in the downtown church lot. Two of them are Van Accessible Parking Spaces These are the only spaces vans with side ramps can use to exit their vehicle. They require use of the adjacent 8' wide blue striped zone to lower their ramps. Please do not park in the blue striped zones. We have at least two members who regularly use these van spaces. If you need an accessible (handicap) space please first use the other marked handicap spaces if they are available.

Fair Trade Coffee Bean sales will resume on September 22.

Would you be willing to help by selling the coffee beans 1 or 2 Sundays a month? If so, please contact Adele in the church office, adele@fumc-a2.org.



Spread some love—Offer a gracious smile and a caring demeanor to someone who may need the warmth of Christian fellowship. You never know what your simple gesture could mean to someone.

Living the Questions – An 8 week study

Join this new Bible study to discuss topics like Lives of Jesus, A Kingdom Without Walls, Evil, Suffering, and a God of Love. Living the Questions has been called a curriculum that “does not aim to spell out a new doctrine, but to encourage people to have a lifelong conversation about the mysteries of faith and life.” The first session of this class will begin **Sun., Sep. 22** and run through Nov. 10, from 11am–12:15 pm on Sunday mornings. (Room TBA)



You have a Costco membership, a museum membership, and a gym membership. Perhaps you've never gotten around to becoming a member of FUMC. Find out if joining the church is right for you by attending a membership class on **Sun., Sep. 29**, from 12:30-2:30pm. Check off the “interested in joining” box on your pew pad, or email tina@fumc-a2.org for more information.

Adult Faith Formation guest speaker: Dr. Robert Breakey MD. Join us in the sanctuary **Sun., Sep. 29** at 11am for a presentation by Dr. Breakey. Dr. Breakey is a local Ann Arbor general practitioner and a renowned speaker to large audiences on the treatment of chronic diseases with a plant-based whole food diet. He has over 20 years of experience in family medicine, developing special interest in nutrition, preventive medicine, patient education, and positive wellness.



Notable meetings on our calendar

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Uncommon Threads (1:00p) Green Wood
 Young Family Small Group (6:30p) Asbury/A-room
 MALAF (7:00p) Room 212
 Trustees (7:00p) Chapel
 Youth Counselors (7:30p) Calkins Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

FIRST Brown Bag Lunch (12:00pm) Chapel
 UMW Mission Team (5:30p) Asbury

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

FIRST Rise & Shine Worship (7:30a) Choir loft
 Sister Helen Prejean Event (7:00p) Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Welcome Team (5:00p) Chapel
 Committee on Lay Leadership (6:30p) Room 204

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Chiampi/Allen rehearsal (5:00p) Sanctuary
 GW Coffee House: Lucy Wainwright Roche (8:00p) Green Wood

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Chiampi/Allen Wedding (3:00p) Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Childrens Ministry Small Group Leader prep (10:30a) Asbury
 Vital Conversations (11:00a) Calkins
 Mothers Too (11:00a) Aldersgate
 FIRST Essentials worship (11:15a) Social Hall
 Still Beloved Worship service (6:30p) Sanctuary

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. *We will begin meeting Sep. 15.*

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 (10-11:00am 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 13 - Lucy Wainwright Roche (\$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)

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