



Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood

for the week beginning Sunday, October 20, 2019

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



Forgot your checkbook? You can text "FUMC AA" to 77977 to be directed to the church PushPay site — there you can make an offering, pay for events and scrip purchases, or make a donation to one of our outreach ministries.

Matthew 25 *I was a stranger...*

You can build your community by supporting or serving with one or more of the following ministries or community organizations:

Be a greeter or usher, make a meal for the Wesley Foundation, Welcome Team, Immigration Hospitality Team, Rainbow Crossing, Stephen Ministries, UMW (www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/immigration), Visitation Team, IHN at Alpha House, Cass Community Social Services, Circles, Justice for Our Neighbors, Friends In Deed, Washtenaw Refugee Welcome, Ecumenical Center and International Residence

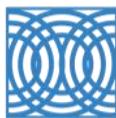
(look for information/links on our website!)

Joining with other congregations of the

HERITAGE DISTRICT



Church Conference 2019
 Sunday, October 20 | 2:00 p.m.
 at Friendship Church in Canton



Circles is a non-profit dedicated to helping people climb out of poverty.

On **Tue., Oct. 22**, a group from FUMC will go to St. Luke-Ann Arbor (4205 Washtenaw Ave.) to host the weekly dinner before their evening work program. Please help by offering to serve dinner, cook part of the meal, or by providing financial support. With interest, please contact Linda LaBarre (bclabarre@aol.com) or call/text at 734-657-1041). Thank you!

Fourth Sunday Disability Talks: Living with ADHD - October is ADHD awareness month. ADHD – it's not just for kids anymore! And it's not just about time management – it's directly linked to low frustration tolerance, rejection sensitivity, and a host of other traits that can make us tough to live with. It's also associated with strong empathy and sense of justice, and creativity. Come to a talk and dialog with Mike Fedel, who's been active in the ADHD community since being diagnosed in 2013. We will gather in Calkins on **Sun., Oct. 27** at 11am.



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!"

Looking for a group to join? Or have you been a regular member for a while, and you are looking for a group to join? It's not too late to join us Sundays at 11am in the Wesley Lounge for Living the Questions, a group that explores a kind of Christianity that makes sense today. Questions? Stop by or contact Debbie Houghton.



Vital Conversations is not meeting this morning. We will meet again on Nov. 3 to continue discussion on White Fragility. More information at <http://bit.ly/FUMC-White-Fragility-Study>.

In the downtown display cases through November is the photography of both Alice Nuttall and Joe Spaly. Both are FUMC members with photography businesses.



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

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During the Matthew 25 sermon series we're reminded to "clothe the naked"

Did you know you can contribute to clothing collection efforts right here at the church?

Outside the downtown church office are blue tubs waiting for donations to the **House By the Side of the Road**. These are our most needed items:

- all sizes of boy's pants
- plus-size men's and women's clothing
- new underwear for men, women, and children
- size 13 and up men's shoes
- winter coats
- backpacks
- sleeping bags
- sheets and blankets
- towels and washcloths



Questions? Please contact Mary Danforth at m19danforth44@gmail.com.

Please consider the **Hogar Children's Home project in Costa Rica!** A basket is outside the downtown office this month to collect donations that will be brought by our missionaries in February:

- Tennis shoes, sizes 3 1/2 - 8 1/2
- Croc-style sandals (no flipflops), sizes 3 1/2 - 8 1/2
- Long sleeve pajamas for girls/boys, sizes 10-16
- Sweatshirts/sweaters for girls/boys Sizes 10-16
- Leggings for girls Sizes 10-16



Questions to Pat Carson plpmcarson@comcast.net.

It's Socktober! "One can never have enough socks," said Dumbledore. The truth is the homeless and others who are less fortunate have no socks, hats, or mittens and gloves. With this in mind, the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtor's is partnering with several local non-profits on a sock drive a.k.a. "Socktober." Through October we are collecting:

- socks
- hats and mittens (or gloves)



*The annual **Holiday Giving Tree** program will begin in late November. Stay tuned!*

Please join the IHT and work with us on Sanctuary efforts in our community! We will be at Connections **today, Sun., Oct. 20** to answer any questions you might have about our work, actions, and projects. Mohamed S. has been living in Sanctuary at the Friends Meeting House in Ann Arbor for the past year. His monthly costs are approximately \$1,200. He is contesting deportation due to serious chronic health issues that cannot be addressed in his home country. To donate to help with Mohamed's care or donate to IHT, you may do so on the FUMC website, or make your check out to FUMC with IHT in the memo line. Thank you for your support of FUMC's status as a Level 2 Solidarity Sanctuary Congregation. Please plan to join us for our next meeting on Mon., Nov. 4 from 6:30-7:30 pm at Green Wood. We will discuss upcoming training, education and outreach events in support of this mission.

FUMCN has openings! Located right here at our downtown church location, FUMCN cooperative preschool is a caring, stimulating, and secure place for children to learn and grow. We encourage creative thinking and provide opportunities for problem solving to help expand your child's mind through Reggio-inspired learning concepts. Although a cooperative preschool, we also offer reduced- and non-assist options for families, too. Our emphasis is on learning through play and social interaction. We accept mid-semester enrollment. Spaces available in mixed-age PM class and 3-yr-old AM class. With questions about enrollment or to schedule a tour, email us at: membership@fumcnpreschool.org.



Access News

October is ADHD Awareness month!

Check out this 1 minute video to learn more:

www.totallyadd.com/videos. Join us to hear Mike Fedel speak on ADHD Sun., Oct. 27, 2019 in Calkins Hall 11:00am – noon at FUMC.



13 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

13 Plan events that provide for the **well-being of participants.**



Offer breaks to stretch and take a walk. Plan to provide compassionate listeners around events that share stressful information.

FUMC will host the *Interfaith Hospitality Network* at

Alpha House: November 4 - 10

As always, we need **many volunteers** to fulfill this commitment to our homeless neighbors:

- ▶ Volunteers to provide grocery and general items
- ▶ Volunteers to provide the evening meal (to arrive at Alpha House by 5:30 p.m.)
- ▶ Evening coordinating host (5:30 - 9 p.m.)
- ▶ Hosts to serve the evening meal and clean up (5:30 - 7:15 p.m.)
- ▶ Hosts to do an evening activity with the children (activity time is 7 - 8 p.m.)

This is a **great opportunity for entire families** to get involved and share a meal, or just spend time with our Alpha House friends. The children in the shelter would love to listen to music or play a game with your kids!

See us after the 9:30am service to sign up, or contact **Beth Lipton** at turboteach@aol.com / 665-9033 to offer support. Thank you!

Justice for Our Neighbors Michigan invites you!

It continues to be a challenging year for immigrants and their communities. Please join us at our 2019 Fundraiser, "Beacons of Hope," to reflect on these challenges while celebrating the important work we accomplish together, **Sun., Nov. 3** from 3-5pm at the Ypsilanti Farmers MarketPlace (Ypsilanti). This is our major fundraiser for the year. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/metrobeacon>



Halloween: pumpkins, costumes, and treats — oh my! Use Youth Fundraising Scrip to purchase all your seasonal necessities and daily household needs. See us at Connections for buy-it-now scrip from your favorite vendors. Questions? Contact Barbara Hoffman (barbarahoffman@att.net or 248-310-6749.) Learn more on our website.

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.

How goes it with your soul? Do you need a little space in your day? If you find yourself at the downtown church, check out our Soul Center corners; there is one in the chapel and one in the second floor nook. Enjoy recently donated crosses, and if you wish, read some of the meditations. Take a few minutes to breathe deeply and simply be! The Soul Centers are available when the church is open.



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.

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.



Notable meetings on our calendar

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Youth Leadership Team (11:00a) Calkins
Church Conference (2:00p) Friendship Church Canton

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Finance (7:00p) Chapel
Earthkeepers (7:30p) Asbury
Second Quartile (7:30p) Aldersgate

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

OLLI Donor Event (4:00p) Green Wood
Circles Meal Team (various times, based on job) St. Luke's
Boy Scouts (6:30p) Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

FUMCN Board (7:00p) Asbury
Leadership Council (7:00p) Chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

PM3 (12:00p) Asbury
Literati presents Elizabeth Strout (7:00p) Sanctuary
GW Coffee House: Chuck Brodsky (8:00p) Green Wood

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Ruth Tabler Memorial Service (11:00a) Green Wood

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

Adult Faith: Disability Awareness (11:00a) Calkins
Holy Land Trip Orientation (12:30p) Calkins
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.

TUESDAYS: Brown Bag Bible Bible Study (12:00pm Chapel) A one-hour midday drop-in study. Through November 12, we will study the Jeremiah. Bring your lunch!

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: 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.

October 25 - Chuck Brodsky (\$15)
November 1 - Jonathan Edwards (\$20)
November 8 - Windborne (\$15)
November 15 - Jeremy Horn (\$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

- Nov. 1 - GW Coffee House: Jonathan Edwards
- Nov. 2/3 - All Saints Worship
- Nov. 4-10 - Host at Alpha House
- Nov. 5 - Youth Service Day at Cass
- Nov. 10 - GW Chamber Concert: Jacob Warren
- Nov. 15 - GW Coffee House: Jeremy Horn
- Nov. 17 - Wesley Loud Lecture with Rev. Mark Charles
- Nov. 22 - GW Coffee House: Peter Mayer
- Nov. 24 - Hanging of the Greens downtown
- Nov. 28-29 - Thanksgiving holiday: buildings/offices closed
- Dec. 1 - Rutter's Brother Heinrich's Christmas
- Dec. 6 - GW Coffee House: Don White
- Dec. 7 - Advent Women's Tea
- + Green Wood Deck the Halls & Chili supper

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.