



Taste & See

Want to learn how church leadership works without making a long-term commitment? Experience "Taste and See" at FUMC! This unique development program lets you test-drive a church committee for three months – no strings attached!

- Choose a committee
- Attend 3 meetings
- Share your experience

With interest or questions contact
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FUMC, through its Love Thy Neighbor (LTN) outreach, has been serving the Ann Arbor Community for 18 years. LTN provides non-perishable, ready-to-eat canned foods, snacks, and nutrition drinks to food insecure guests of the St. Andrew's Breakfast Program. Guests who receive food from LTN are of all ages. Some are homeless; some have housing but, without food assistance, could have to choose between paying bills and having enough to eat. Some are struggling with addiction, mental illness or chronic health conditions. All are dealing with difficult circumstances.

LTN is a member of the Food Gatherers Partner Program Network. This allows us to purchase food, at reduced prices, from their warehouse. Additional food needed for our distribution is donated by individuals or purchased at bulk food warehouses at discounted prices. Food donations help us stretch our budget. We welcome donations of pull-top, ready-to-eat canned foods! Because many of our guests are homeless, we are asking for cans that have pull top lids only and do not require a can opener.

Last year, LTN distributed over 6,000 bags and is on track to hand out over 7,000 bags in 2026!

We truly appreciate your generous support of this program, financially and by volunteering your time.

You can learn more about Love Thy Neighbor by visiting the church website (scan code, right) or by emailing LTN at lovethyneighbor2008@gmail.com.





Headline News

from First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

For the week of Sunday, September 20, 2026



Today's
Event
Calendar

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www.fumc-a2.org/churchcenter

Stick around and ReConnect!

Today (Sunday) after worship we'll gather on the Wesley lawn for food, music, fun and an opportunity to reconnect with our church community. New this year: Games and activities at all our outreach stations.

All Church All Ages

Adopt-a Park-Day at Buhr Park 9/22

at 7pm. Kids welcome! It's a great opportunity to serve as a community and make a difference in God's creation. Questions: lynne.pauer@comcast.net.

The annual **CROP Walk is Sun., 10/4** and we're hosting again this year! Whether you help host, walk, and/or donate, your participation will make a difference in the lives of those who struggle with hunger.

Everyone can help our Youth Group by purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight! As you shop for special events and/or everyday needs, a portion of the card amount comes back to our Youth. If you have questions or want to get started, email annalee.appledorn@gmail.com.

Mark your calendar:

- We'll host CROP Walk 10/4
- NAMI walk for Mental Health 10/17
- Trunk or Treat 10/30

Worship Opportunities

fumc-a2.org/worship

Contemporary Saturdays 5pm
Traditional Sundays 10am
Rise and Shine Wednesdays (on zoom)



Kids



Faith Formation
birth through 5th grade

fumc-a2.org/kidsmin-news

Follow link above for our newsletter!

Please check your child in before the start of worship.

Today we have Sunday School! After the Time with the Children in worship, we'll all head upstairs together.

Volunteers needed! Contact Rachel.

Coming up:

- 10/4: Pray & Play, World Communion, FUMCN Bake Sale, & Crop Walk!
- Trunk or Treat 10/30



Rachel McCollum, Early Years
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Youth



Faith Formation
6th-12th grade

fumc-a2.org/youthmin-news

Follow link above for our newsletter!

Today (9/20):

- Youth Sunday School (YeSS!) begins after the Time with Children
- Youth Group 6-8pm

We estimate it costs about \$35 per youth per semester to provide dinners. Please make a donation to support meals.

Volunteers needed! Contact Greg.



Rev. Greg Lawton, Youth
greg@fumc-a2.org



Adults



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Adult Faith Formation

fumc-a2.org/AdultMin-newsletter

Follow link above for monthly newsletter!

Open Table Bible study is designed for you to drop in at any time. We read scripture aloud as we study and do no homework! Drop-in via zoom, either Tue. at noon, or Thu. at 7:30pm. Our study this fall will focus on Amy Jill Levine's book, "Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning." Link on Church Center.

On 9/27 our Disability Awareness Talk will center on the signs and symptoms of dementia and how to enhance/support communication skills. We'll be joined by Naomi Hashimoto, Ph.D., EMU professor of Speech-Language Pathology. Meet in the Green Wood Sanctuary or via zoom at 11:30am.

The FUMCAA Crisis Response Team enables our church to respond quickly and thoughtfully to urgent needs affecting our congregation and the wider community. Get updates — sign up on Church Center.

On 9/27 Guest preacher is Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, who will also deliver the Loud Lecture that afternoon. He publishes the Amalgamation newsletter and podcast, focusing on social justice, racial formation, digital community, itinerant life, pop culture, left-leaning faith and more.

Weekly drop-in gatherings:

- Global Issues, Sundays 1pm via zoom
- Men of Faith, Saturdays 8:30am via zoom



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