Isaiah 58:6–12

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The Lord will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.



FUMC Ann Arbor is in an energizing season, grounded in hope and renewed purpose. Together, we create a community where people encounter God, care for one another and put faith into action.

Your generosity helps us continue to love boldly, serve compassionately, and live curiously as the hands and feet of Jesus.

A pledge is an estimate of what you plan to give in the coming year. It helps us plan for worship, care, faith formation, outreach, and justice ministries. Every pledge matters, and every gift helps sustain our shared ministry for generations to come.

Explore our 2026 Annual Impact Report to see how your financial gifts have supported the many ministries of FUMC. (https://www.fumc-a2.org/impact)

To submit your 2027 giving commitment, you may do this with a physical card or do so via our website. (https://fumc-a2.org/giving-commitment)

To set up reoccurring electronic giving, go to our Online Giving Page and follow the prompts. (https://fumc-a2.onlinegiving.org/)

For questions about giving, please contact Ted Brokaw (ted@fumc-a2.org).

Thank you for your generosity!

Headline News

from First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

For the week of Sunday, November 1, 2026

Today's Event Calendar

Wrapping up our Stewardship Campaign

Have you responded? Knowing *your* plan helps *us* plan our programming responsibly! Please prayerfully consider your 2027 giving commitment and submit your pledge: www.fumc-a2.org/giving-commitment

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Connect with others, register for events, sign up for groups, and log attendance with **Church Center:** www.fumc-a2.org/churchcenter

All Church All Ages

Church Conference will take place on 11/1 at noon at FUMC South Lyon.

Pop-up lunch packing! After worship today (Sunday) spend a little bit of time at Connections packing lunch bags for our LOVE Thy Neighbor ministry. Your help will benefit those in our community who are struggling. Kids are welcome to help!

Election Day is 11/3 — Our UMC Book of Discipline states, "The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens." Please get out to vote!

All Church Meeting - A presentation from the Church Property Redevelopment team will be included in this Leadership Council update event on 11/8 after worship.

We are planning a **Harvest Dinner** on Sunday, 11/15! Stay tuned for further details!

Worship Opportunities

fumc-a2.org/**worship**

- **Watch** YouTube.com/FUMCannarbor
- **Listen** Soundcloud.com/fumca2
- **Read** fumc-a2.org/worship
  (as available, with each service link)

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 Pray and Play after the Time with the Children in worship, then we'll rejoin our families for Communion.

Volunteers needed! Contact Rachel.

***Rachel McCollum,** Early Years*
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Youth

Faith Formation
6th-12th grade

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Follow link above for our newsletter!

Today (11/1):

- Worship with your families
- No youth group this evening

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

Meal servers needed! Contact Greg.

Purchase 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. With questions or to get started, email annalee.appledorn@gmail.com.

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

Adults

Know. Love. Affirm.
Adult Faith Formation

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Follow link above for monthly newsletter!

Join us today (Sunday) for Vital Action class. Our topic: America, USA: How Race Shadows the Nation's Anniversaries. We'll gather at 11:30am, in Calkins and on Zoom.

Join us for the Fall Tuesdays Together series: "Living Curiously." Beginning at 5:30pm Tuesdays through the middle of November we'll gather weekly for supper and a selection of study options for all ages! www.fumc-a2.org/tuesdays.

Through 11/15 you can purchase Poinsettia plants for your home or for others — proceeds benefit our Kenya Mission by providing elementary school children with a nutritious morning meal. Register on Church Center.

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.

Learn how our church leadership works without a long-term commitment: experience "Taste and See" at FUMC! This development program lets you test-drive a church committee for just three months. More info: www.fumc-a2.org/taste-see

Weekly drop-in gatherings:

- Global Issues, Sundays 1pm via zoom
- Mindful Mondays, 8am via zoom
- Open Table, Tue 12pm or Thu 7:30pm
- Men of Faith, Saturdays 8:30am via zoom

***Wendy Everett,** Adult Faith Formation*
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