



# Our Life in the Church

Downtown & Green Wood

for the week beginning Sunday, August 20, 2017

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

## Food, Fellowship, & Fall Preview 2017!

Join with your church family for a simple breakfast on **Sun., Aug. 27** after worship in the downtown Social Hall. Leadership Council invites you to reconnect with friends, learn about the FUMC Community Care Group Network, and preview upcoming Fall activities for adults, youth, and families. *(Programs, groups, and organizations are welcome to table space at the All Church Breakfast. Please contact Tina Alee if you would like table space.)*



**In the downtown display cases**, see an exhibit covering our church history — 78 years at S. State and Washington, and 23 years on Green Road. On display through September.

🕒 **Connect the Dots** — Do you have a walker that has a fold down seat? Would you be willing to loan it to a member who could use it? If so, please let Amy Kennedy know. Call her at the church office or email her at [amy@fumc-a2.org](mailto:amy@fumc-a2.org).

**Outfitting a dorm room? Getting back-to-school supplies? Or planning that last long summer weekend up north?** Use Youth Fund-raising Scrip to purchase gifts AND necessities. See us at Lemonade on the Lawn for ideas. With questions about scrip, please contact Barbara Hoffman 248-310-6749 or [barbarahoffman@att.net](mailto:barbarahoffman@att.net). Visit the youth page on the church website to learn more.



**Green Wood Potluck — Sat., Aug. 26** Come and join us for a cookout after worship. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Hope to see you there!

**For your summer pleasure** — Sherry Root and Melinda Haithcock will present an hour of piano with repertoire from the classic to contemporary on **Wed., Aug. 30** at 4pm at Green Wood. Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Chopin, and Ginastera will be represented. Sherry is proud to have been Melinda's piano student for the last three years. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**Tech team interest** — Would you like to help others see close-up images of baptisms, musical performances and people leading worship projected live on the screen in the sanctuary? Could you share your experience or interest in video, computers, or electronics to help us stream our Sunday morning worship services live online, and make them available for viewing anytime? Consider participating in our Tech Team Survey, which has two basic goals:

- to enhance Sunday morning worship by making the service more visible to everyone in the sanctuary
- to share our worship service online, both while it is happening and archived for viewing anytime.

If you have interest, knowledge, experience, concerns or suggestions please share them through our initial survey online here: <http://tinyurl.com/fumca2-tech> To discuss the project further, please contact Jeff Wason, 734-846-2408 (cell) or [missions@fumc-a2.org](mailto:missions@fumc-a2.org).

**Coffee and Cookies? Yes, please!** Whether you enjoy the cookies, the coffee, or the company at Connections, we need YOU! Gather your newly formed 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 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](mailto:laura.olech@gmail.com).



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## Access News

Wheel Chair Etiquette:



- ◆ Respect a person's wheel chair or scooter as a person's personal body space. Avoid leaning or hanging on to their device.
- ◆ If conversation lasts more than a few minutes, consider sitting down or kneeling to get on the same eye level.
- ◆ Always ask the person using the wheel chair if she or he would like assistance before you help. If help is requested, listen to or ask for instructions.
- ◆ Don't assume that using a wheelchair or scooter is in itself a tragedy. It is a means of freedom that allows the person to move about.



## Planning is now underway for a February mission trip to Kenya.

The dates are February 15 - 25 (Mission only) or through March 1 (Mission & sightseeing). If you have ever thought about coming along or finding a way to support the team, come and be a part of the discussion. Informational meetings will be held **Sun., Sep. 3** from 10:45am-12pm in the Chapel, and **Sun., Oct. 8** from 10:45am-12pm in the Aldersgate room. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Kathy Macdonald, ([kmac@macdgroup.com](mailto:kmac@macdgroup.com)) or Greg Hulbert, ([hulbert@umich.edu](mailto:hulbert@umich.edu)).

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**New Location for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America meetings!** This group will now meet monthly on fourth Tuesdays at the Riverside Arts Center (76 N Huron St, Ypsilanti). The next meeting is **Tue., Aug. 22** at 7pm. Are you as concerned about gun violence in our communities? Moms Demand Action was formed one day after the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, with the goal of demanding action from legislators, companies, and educational institutions to establish common-sense gun reforms. Invite friends — You don't need to be a mom to join! Contact Kristen Moore for more info ([kristen.a2mi@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.a2mi@gmail.com) or 904-2234).

**This year's Amy Fedel Memorial Concert** will be on **Sat., Sep. 9** at 7:30pm at Green Wood. Musicians include the Bonfire Poets (Mark Brokaw, Mike Fedel, Dan McConnell, and Joe Spaly), Five Miles More (jazz and standards) and, as always, audience participation with the Singalong Jukebox. The concert is a benefit for the Brain Injury Association of Michigan and Michigan MADD. Suggested donation: \$15/adults and \$3/kids. But please don't let cost stop you from coming; make checks out to either 'BIAMI' or 'MADD'. More information can be found at <http://www.fedel.com/amyandlisa>.

**Donations to UMCOR are used to respond to emergencies both domestically and abroad.** Write a check to "FUMC", put UMCOR in the memo, and put it in the collection plate. Give generously: 100% of your donation goes directly to assistance.

**Fifth Annual United Methodist Friday at Comerica Park** — The Detroit Tigers will play the Chicago White Sox at 7:10 pm on **Fri., Sep. 15**. Come early for pre-game fun with Bishop Bard. Post game fun includes fireworks (weather permitting). Tickets are \$40 with seating in the Right Field Lower Deck. Contact: Don Archambeau 734-422-2227. For complete information and to register <http://news.michiganumc.org/2017/01/catch-baseballs-back/>



**Save the Date: The 2017 CROP Walk** will take place **Sun., Oct. 15** — starting and ending at Trinity Lutheran church on Stadium Blvd.

## Enjoy terrific fair-trade coffee!

The beans we sell benefit growers, a Michigan roasting company, and those in need in our community! Fair trade organic coffee beans are available for purchase at Lemonade on the Lawn or through the downtown church office during weekly business hours. Proceeds are forwarded on to local mission projects. Since 2007, \$5,000 in proceeds from sales have been forwarded to various local mission projects.



# A Preview of Fall Adult Education Offerings

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

*This fall, Sunday morning Adult Education will be offered in a rotation schedule.*

*Each Sunday will focus on a different aspect of our spiritual lives:*

Linking to the Center – *First Sundays*

Living in creation – *Second Sundays*

Loving the community – *Third Sundays*

Learning to be Christ followers – *Fourth Sundays*



**All classes will meet in the same location and time on Sundays:**

**11:00 am – 12:15 pm in Calkins Hall. Check out what interests you!**

**FIRST SUNDAYS: Centering Through Faith** We are all searching for deeper meaning and divine connection in our life. Join us as we share and learn practices that nourish our faith journeys. Sessions will introduce centering practices like guided meditation, breath and silence, body movement and mindful self-compassion. Come along on the journey to learn and practice new (and very, very old) ways to celebrate the Divine and deepen your spiritual connection. *Next meeting, October 1: Guided imagery. Sign up recommended: <http://tinyurl.com/centeringfaithpractice>*

**SECOND SUNDAYS: Conversations About Science and Religion** How do we bridge the gap between science and religion? Join Rev. Al Bamsey and our own FUMC science and medical community for conversations about their experiences and struggles with faith, belief and the place of God in scientific study. Join this monthly conversation and forum designed to discuss science and religion. *Next meeting: September 10. See our class webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/FUMC-ConvScience-Religion>*

**THIRD SUNDAYS: Mind the Gap — A Hunger and Food Insecurity Interest Group** If you are passionate about learning about and solving the food insecurity issues in our community and Michigan, then this is a great Sunday offering to check out. They have spent the last year listening to speakers from CAN (Community Action Network), Bread for the World, and author Luke Shaefer (\$2.00 a Day) and discussing ways to address the issue of food insecurity. All are welcome to attend! *Next meeting: September 17. See our class webpage: <http://tinyurl.com/MindTheGap-FUMC>*

**FOURTH SUNDAYS: Animate Faith** If you are looking for thoughtful discussion about our faith journeys and the Bible, join us for Animate on fourth Sundays. This curriculum is built on solid theology and allows us the opportunity to strengthen faith through spirited discussion and questioning. This is a DVD/discussion format – speakers include well-known Christian theologians such as Nadia Bolz-Weber, Brian McLaren, and Lauren Winner. *Next meeting: September 24*

## FALL RETREAT: “Soulscapes: Letting Our Soul Speak Through Images”

*For most of us the fast pace of our daily lives tends to crowd out time for soulful reflection. Ever wonder what that ‘still, small voice’ within might be trying to share with you? Collages are a deceptively effective way to listen for our soul’s soft whispers. Come join the Inward Bound Adventure of Soulscapes with presenter Lisa Gray Lion, retreat leader and deacon in the United Methodist Church.*

**Saturday, October 21 – 9:30 am—2:30 pm at Green Wood (Bring a brown bag lunch)**

## TUESDAY MIDDAY

Bring your lunch and join us for this midday hour-long Bible study on the books of Ruth and Esther 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. The group is very supportive and welcoming!

*Tuesdays, Sep. 12-Dec. 12*

*12:00-1:00 pm in the Chapel.*

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Why did people think Bible stories were important enough to write down? Why have these stories endured for so long? What are we to do with this ancient book in modern context? Rob Bell reveals the Bible as a book that tells us what it means to be human. Come, join a supportive group of fellow explorers to examine how reading the Bible in a different way, can transform your understanding of it.

*Wednesdays, Sep. 13 - Nov. 15  
7:00- 8:30 pm in Asbury Room-  
Please sign up online:*

*<http://tinyurl.com/robbellbible>*

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*Subscribe for our email newsletter, [Salt and Light](#), to keep up-to-date on all of our Adult Education offerings. It is published a couple of times during the programming year. With interest contact Debbie Houghton at [debbie@fumc-a2.org](mailto:debbie@fumc-a2.org).*

**SALT & LIGHT**



## Notable meetings on our calendar

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



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20** *FlyGirlz trip to Empire*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21**

Parent Council (6:00p) Roy household  
Sloan Plaza Board Meeting (6:30p) Social Hall

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

FUMCN Fall setup (9:00a) Classrooms  
Youth Counselors (9:00a) The Edge at Dexter UMC  
Green Wood Fall Potluck (6:00p) Green Wood

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

All Church Fall Kick-off Breakfast (10:30a) Social Hall  
12th Graders Gathering (1:30p) Offsite

**MONDAY, AUGUST 28**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

UMW Mission Team (9:30a) Chapel  
7th/8th Graders Gathering (6:00p) Offsite

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

Sherry Root & Melinda Haithcock recital (3:00p) Green Wood  
FUMCN Fall Orientation (6:30p) Social Hall

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Kenya Mission Information (10:45a) Chapel

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

*Buildings & Offices closed for Labor Day holiday*

## 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 or brochure.*

**MONDAYS: Monday Yoga** (Summer schedule adjusted\* - Chapel)  
Amy Unsworth leads a one-hour beginning yoga class — bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and \$10 per visit. \*Summer meetings through August at 11:30am.

**TUESDAYS: Paint Studio** (3:30pm Asbury) A group of watercolor artists meets weekly to work on personal and group projects. People working in water-based media are welcome!

**THURSDAYS: Thursday Yoga** (11:30am Chapel) Sharon Holcomb leads a one-hour beginning yoga class — bring a yoga mat, water bottle, and \$10 per visit.

**FRIDAYS: Alcoholics Anonymous** (9:30-10:30am Social Hall)

**FRIDAYS: Debtors Anonymous** (11:30am-12:30pm Aldersgate)

**FRIDAYS: L.O.V.E. Thy Neighbor Bag Lunch preparation** (6:30-8:30pm 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)

### at a glance

Sep. 8 — Green Wood Coffee House: Ron Coden

Sep. 9 — Chancel Choir Retreat  
Amy Concert (to benefit MADD)

Sep. 10 — Bring a Friend to Church  
Back to two Sunday services, at 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.  
Fall Kick-off of Children/Youth programs

Sep. 15 — FiSH FRI service evening  
Green Wood Coffee House: Suzzy Roche & Lucy Wainwright Roche

Sep. 22 — UMW Annual Fall Potluck  
Sep. 24 — Ann Arbor Camerata Concert #1  
New Member Class

Sep. 28 — JOY Luncheon  
Sep. 29 — Green Wood Coffee House: Reggie Harris & David Roth

Oct. 1 — Flu Shot Clinic  
Oct. 6 — Green Wood Coffee House: Jonathan Edwards  
Oct. 6-8 — Youth Fall Retreat  
Oct. 8 — "Once Upon a Dream" Fall Music Fundraiser  
Oct. 13 — Green Wood Coffee House: Jeremy Horn  
Oct. 15 — CROP Walk  
Green Wood Chamber Concert



## 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](mailto:olfanning@icloud.com).