# I Dream of a Church



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# Holiday Giving Tree 2024

This year's Giving Tree will fill Christmas wishes for gifts for 40 children living in three low-income neighborhoods in Ann Arbor—Bryant, Cobblestone, and Green Baxter Court, as well as a family of five living at Alpha House family homeless shelter.



Younger kids are asking for toys or clothing, while older kids would like gift cards. We're hoping to provide over 250 gifts this year.

A complete list of gifts requested is on FUMC's online Giving Tree. <u>www.fumc-a2.org/holiday-giving-tree</u> or scan the QR code below.

Gifts should be returned unwrapped to the Giving Tree outside the church office



- Please attach a note to each gift including the item number and the child's name
- ✓ Include a gift receipt if possible
- All Gifts are due back to the church by <u>Sunday, December 15</u>

We are also providing \$25 Meijer gift cards to help families buy food for a Holiday dinner. If you purchase the gift card through the link on the Giving Tree, it will also support FUMC's Youth Service Trips.

Gifts of money are also much needed to help fill any remaining gift needs. Ways to donate money:

- 🗹 Through the link provided on the online Giving Tree
- Make out a check to "FUMC" with "Giving Tree" on the memo line. Turn checks into the office or mail to the church.

Questions? Contact Beth Lipton at turboteach@aol.com or 734-834-1444

Thank you for your continued generosity!



# **Headline News**

# from First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

For the week of Sunday, November 24, 2024



Today's Event Calendar

## Hanging of the Greens! Today (Sunday) after worship we'll enjoy a



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Our Downtown Location 120 S. State Street • Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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# **All Church All Ages**

Now accepting poinsettia tributes fumc-a2.org/altar-poinsettias

**Our Stewardship Campaign is** underway! Please praverfully consider your yearly pledge to allow us to dream and plan responsibly for the year ahead. fumc-a2.org/giving-commitment/

**Our Holiday Giving Tree** is set up just outside the office - you can transform Christmas for our neighbors in need. fumc-a2.org/holiday-giving-tree

Green Wood Deck the Halls is planned for 12/14 after worship. Pizza and potluck salads & desserts on hand.

# **Worship Opportunities** fumc-a2.org/worship

Green Wood Saturdays 5pm Downtown Sundays 10am Rise & Shine Wednesdays 8am (not 11/27)

Catch up on past downtown worship:

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



#### fumc-a2.org/kidsmin-news

Follow link above for monthly newsletter!

Hanging of the Greens follows worship this Sunday morning. After lunch, all the kids are invited upstairs to decorate their classrooms – we'll put up Christmas trees, make ornaments, hang lights, and sing carols!

FUMCN has two fundraisers happening right now – see the newsletter for details.

### Save the date:

 Christmas & Cocoa 12/13 7pm (see Church Center for details)

Rachel McCollum, Early Years rachel@fumc-a2.org



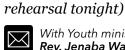
#### fumc-a2.org/youthmin-news

Follow link above for monthly newsletter!

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### Today (Sunday 11/24):

- Sol Cafe 10am Calkins
- Hanging of the Greens after worship (Note: No Youth Group or Christmas Play



With Youth ministry questions, contact Rev. Jenaba Waggy jenaba@fumc-a2.org

# **College/Grads**

Wesley Foundation umichwesley.org



#### fumc-a2.org/AdultMin-newsletter

Follow link above for monthly newsletter!

There is time to sign up to attend the Advent Tea on Sat. 12/7, but you must rsvp - details and signup: www.fumc-a2.org/advent-tea

Open Table Bible Study: "Almost Christmas: A Weslevan Advent Experience" invites you to embrace the fullness of Christ's love. hope, joy, and peace, breaking free from being just "almost" Christian. Begins 12/10 -Tuesdays 12pm or Thursdays 7:30pm.

Next Sunday (12/1) Vital Action reviews the Unfinished Church podcast episode featuring Opal Lee. Meets 11:30a-12:45p in Calkins and on zoom.

Please donate baked goods, handmade fabric pieces, artworks, gently used Christmas decor/jewelry for the Christmas Bazaar (12/8 & 12/15) to help United Women in Faith support their missions and scholarship funds! Contact Linda LaBarre: bclabarre@aol.com.

*Comina up:* 

• Svc. of Light in the Longest Night 12/21

## Also note:

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

Wendy Everett, Adult Faith Formation,  $\bowtie$ wendy@fumc-a2.org

Amy Kennedy, Congregational Care,  $\bowtie$ amy@fumc-a2.org