



"In Touch" at Hazel Park First UMC

Newsletter for all those who worship at First United
Methodist Church of Hazel Park



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Pastor's Pen

Pastor Sharon Appling

ACTS 2:46-47 (THE VOICE BIBLE)

"They were unified as they worshiped at the temple day after day. In homes, they broke bread and shared meals with glad and generous hearts. The new disciples praised God, and they enjoyed the goodwill of all the people of the city. Day after day the Lord added to their number everyone who was experiencing liberation."

To The Beloved Hazel Park First UMC Community;

What a joy this past month has been serving alongside of you as pastor! Truly, Hazel Park models the ministry imitative in the First Century Church, called The Way. Daily that biblical body of believers ate and fellowshiped in love. As a result, God adds to the church members that contributed their spiritual gifts to build a firm foundation of faith that led to an impactful ministry of disciple-making for Christ. This month we have experienced passionate worship, fervent prayer, engaging Bible Study, Breaking of Bread, and Risk-taking Outreach Ministry, through which we have grown in our vitality as United Methodists. To God Be The Glory!!! personal passion.

The Almighty One is blessing Hazel Park with increase! The Voice Bibles were purchased for the use of our Wednesday Study Group. The numbers participating increased from eight to sixteen. Members have returned. Bravo to the worship committee! Our Minister of Music, Matthew, is gifted in the creation of transformative worship experiences each week. He is quite the videographer as well! Members have joined or rejoined the choir. Liturgists are outstanding. Sue keeps us focused on congregational care and provides waiting opportunities for our children to have a space. Ashley keeps us in communication with the informative bulletin and newsletter. LeeAnn and Frank shares with The Chosen Viewing and Discussion! A memorial service was held for our beloved Gary Wilson with such a large gathering during both the visitation and funeral service. The Hazel Park signature hospitality welcomed new and returning faces.

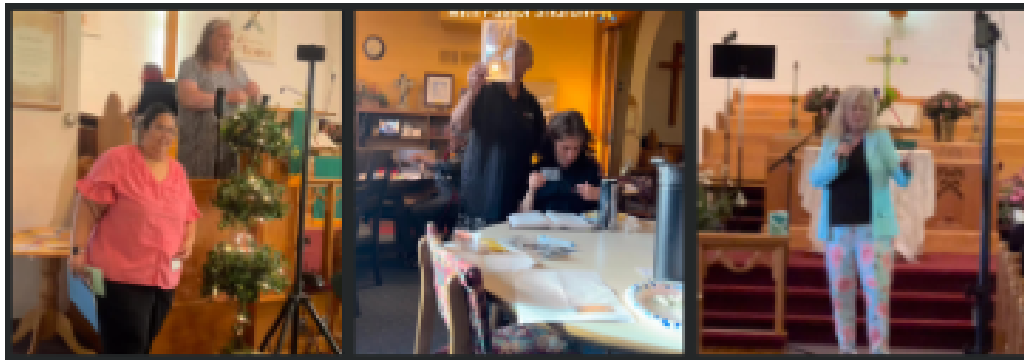


Pastors Pen Continued

Chef Tege and John continue to dazzle us with delightful coffee hour treats with inviting videos being shared on social media. Bottle caps and baby supplies were collected. Lovely fans have been donated and distributed by Pierre for the comfort and beautification of the sanctuary. Lisa, Ketri and Jackie are on the road to full health and healing in the name of Jesus! Flowers have been placed on the altar in loving memory of her mother, Doris by her daughter, Cathy Rogers. Floral smiles and beautiful bouquets we left throughout the church at the hand of Andrew, our HPFUMC Garden Master! Ms. Lillie was recognized by the historic New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church Quilting Ministry!

Thank you for the warm welcome of myself, my family and friends. Hazel Park First is the place to be!

In grace and gratitude,
Pastor Sharon



Upcoming Events

Mark
YOUR
Calendar

- ~Tuesday, Aug 5th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Wednesday, Aug 6th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:30pm
- ~Sunday, Aug 10th - The Chosen Video Study After Coffee Hour
- ~Tuesday, Aug 12th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Wednesday, Aug 13th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:30pm
- ~Thursday, Aug 14th - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Sunday, Aug 17th - The Chosen Video Study After Coffee Hour
- ~Tuesday, Aug 19th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Wednesday, Aug 20th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:30pm
- ~Sunday, Aug 24th - The Chosen Video Study After Coffee Hour
- ~Tuesday, Aug 25th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Wednesday, Aug 26th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:30pm
- ~Friday, Aug 29th - Ice Cream Social from 6-8pm
- ~Sunday, Aug 31st - The Chosen Video Study After Coffee Hour

Ice Cream Social



Ice Cream Social

Summer's not over just yet — so let's make it count!



Join us for a sweet celebration filled with cold treats, & fun activities. Whether you're a sprinkles fanatic, a two-scoop daredevil, or just in it for the whipped cream, there's a little something for everyone.

This isn't just an ice cream social — it's your last chance to chill before summer melts away!

August 29th from 6pm-8pm

This event is FREE and open to all!

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Office Hours

As Pastor Sharon gets settled in at Hazel Park First, she will initially be holding office hours on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Please contact her directly to make an appointment.

Her email is: sea0704@comcast.net

She can also be reached on her cell phone, 313-671-8974



Church Directory for 2025

Updated Church directories will be coming out in September. If you want your name in it, or need to update your address/number or email, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

Health/Life Concerns: Lisa Johnson, Jackie Martin, Kateri Rang, Mary Ellen Chapman, Harriet Hardy and her daughter Renee Dusseau, Joan Sarns, Janet Hall

Comfort for the friends and families of: The family of Gary Wilson.

Serving in the Armed Forces: Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner & Chris Collis

Gratitude's and Joys: The hospitality of our church, grandkids in church and grandparents.

Church Leaders: Pastor-Rev. Sharon Appling, Al Holland-SPRC Chair, John Sarns-Ad Council Chair, Frank Cox-Lay Leader, Ashley Detoledo-Secretary, Lisa Johnson-Treasurer, Matt Sarns-Music Director, and Harriet Hardy-Organist.



The Vision of The United Methodist Church

Stepping in faith into a new season of ministry

The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.

Love Boldly: We passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender, and walk of life. (Matthew 22:37-39 | John 13:34-35)

Serve Joyfully: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

Lead Courageously: Following Jesus' example, we resist and dismantle all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice, and reconciliation. (Joshua 1:9 | Ephesians 6:10)

Guiding statements for mission and ministry

Key statements clearly define who United Methodists are and who we strive to be. They work in conjunction with each other and unite us in shared ministry.

The Mission of the denomination is our driving purpose, our why: "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." This is set by the General Conference.

The Vision tells us where we are going and how we will continue to live into and accomplish our mission: "The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections." This is set by the Council of Bishops with the Connectional Table.

The Brand Promise reminds us of what everyone should expect to find in United Methodist congregations and organizations: "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors." As it is primarily used in external, seeker-facing messaging, this is set by United Methodist Communications.

Every United Methodist around the world is called to embrace the Mission in their daily living, dream of the possibilities that God has placed before us through the Vision, and embody a consistent welcoming presence that is shared in our Brand Promise.



JESUS TRAVELED TO MANY PLACES

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of the places. Can you find the names on the list?

Words can go left to right, up, down or diagonal—so look carefully in all directions!

BETHANY

BETHLEHEM

BETHSAIDA

CAESAREA PHILIPPI

CANA

CAPERNAUM

DECAPOLIS

EGYPT

EPHRAIM

GALILEE

JERICHO

JERUSALEM

JORDAN RIVER

JUDEA

MAGDALA

MOUNT OF OLIVES

NAZARETH

PEREA

SAMARIA

SIDON

TYRE

WILDERNESS

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E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S
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H	D	L	R	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	H	G	A	E
S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N
A	A	C	J	A	C	O	N	I	Y	R	P	E	A	R	R
I	D	E	E	A	C	H	F	D	P	E	H	H	L	T	E
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A	C	O	U	T	H	P	A	N	L	T	I	M	S	W	L
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Puzzle!

Who made the following statements in the Bible?

1. "Am I my brother's keeper?"
Samuel, John, Cain, Andrew
2. "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you."
Peter, James, John, Paul
3. "What is truth?"
Herod, Pilate, Simon Magus, Cornelius
4. "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"
Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Joshua
5. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
Nathaniel, John, Peter, Paul
6. "In a short time would you persuade me to be a Christian?"
Herod Agrippa, Pilate, Caiaphas, Annas
7. "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go."
Rebekah, Rachel, Ruth, Rahab
8. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
Paul, Peter, James, Barnabas

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August Birthdays

Colleen Poole - 3	Jennifer Bailey - 3
Vickie Houser - 8	Brianne Steele - 14
Diana Pelletier - 15	Mike DeKeyser - 17
Oscar Northern - 23	



August Anniversaries

Bev & Jack Hinton - 28



SUN

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SAT

July Birthdays

Colleen Poole - 3 Jennifer Bailey - 3
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Men's group meets at
the coney island at
10am
 Women's group meets
in the fellowship hall
at 1pm

3 **Worship Service**
w/communion
@11:15

The Chosen
Video Study

10 **Worship Service**
@11:15

The Chosen
Video Study

17 **Worship Service**
@11:15

The Chosen
Video Study

24/31
Worship Service
@11:15

The Chosen
Video Study

5
Chair Yoga
@6:30pm

Praise Team 4:00

12
Chair Yoga
@6:30pm

Praise Team 4:00

19
Chair Yoga
@6:30pm

Praise Team 4:00

26
Chair Yoga
@6:30pm

Praise Team 4:00

6
Bible Study
@6:30Ppm

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**Church Council
Meeting @ 7:00**

Ice Cream Social
@6pm



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