



"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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April Native American Ministry Month

April is Native American Ministry Month. As The UMC, we celebrate United Methodist Sunday on April 19, 2026, which honors, supports, and highlights the contributions of Indigenous Peoples worldwide. This Sunday is set aside for the collection of contributions to support Native American ministries and scholarships. Please make a special offering to encourage Native Students answering God's call. Certified Lay Servant Frank Cox will be our speaker.

Half of the funds collected remain in your annual conference to support local Native American ministries through the work of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). A quarter of the money funds scholarships for Native American students pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at approved theological schools. The remaining funds support programs that develop new Native ministries, including mentoring, economic empowerment, and leadership development initiatives. Your generosity would be an investment in Native Americans and the lives impacted by this ministry.

The United Methodist Church has refined its vision of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We are empowered by Holy Spirit God to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously with local communities and across the global connection as we seek equity, justice, and peace for our beloved siblings. The May and June Bible Studies will focus on these three benchmarks of ministry, as will our sermons.

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)

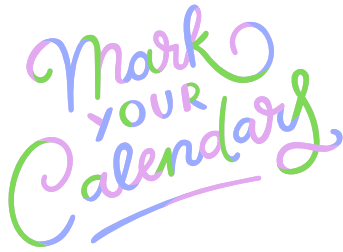
Serve Joyfully: With the heart of Christ, we journey alongside the most vulnerable among us, offering care and compassion with joy. (Psalm 100:1 | Nehemiah 8:10 | John 13:14-15 | 1 Peter 4:10)

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)

Grace and mercy be multiplied over you, our families, and deployed troops,

Pastor Sharon

Upcoming Events



- ~Sunday, April 12th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, April 13th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Thursday, April 16th - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Sunday, April 19th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, April 20th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Sunday, April 26th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, April 27th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Saturday, May 2nd - Men's Group Meets @10am
- ~Saturday, May 2nd - Women's Group meets @1pm
- ~Sunday, May 3rd - Sunday School @2pm

Things to Keep in Mind



Are you looking for the children's corner? The children's corner has moved to it's own Newsletter. Do you want to receive it monthly via mail? Please send an email to hpfirstumc@gmail.com or contact Ashley Detoledo.

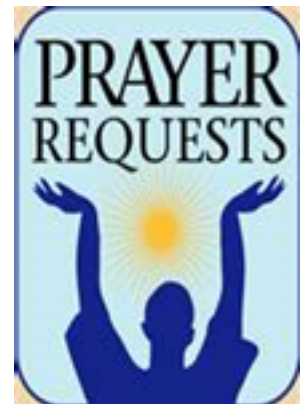
Health/Life Concerns: Adrien LaChapelle,ackie Martin, Ms. Lillie, Colleen KazmierzakRoger Riutta, Lisa Johnson.

Comfort for the friends and families of: The Sarns family in the passing of Joan Sarns

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, and Matt Sarns-Music Director.



Get Them Talking: I'm sorry

Get Them Talking is a series of resources to help families start conversations about issues of faith.

Scripture:

“Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go. First make things right with your brother or sister and then come back and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24, CEB

Reflection:

Everyone makes mistakes. Everyone. No matter how young or old, we can hurt someone’s feelings, lose our temper, or be mean without meaning it. When that happens, it’s important to say, “I’m sorry.”

In this Bible story, Jesus tells us how important it is to “make things right” with someone we’ve hurt, even if it means interrupting our worship.

Get them talking:

- How does it feel when someone says, "I'm sorry," to you?
- Share a time when you found it difficult to say you were sorry. Why was it difficult? How did you feel better afterwards?
- What does Jesus mean when he says we should “make things right” with people we have hurt? Why do you think that is so important to Jesus? Is that more saying you’re sorry?
- What is the difference between saying you’re sorry and meaning you’re sorry? Why does that matter?

Prayer:

Dear God, give me courage to say, “I’m sorry,” when I hurt someone, and the wisdom not to do it again. Amen.

Activity:

Before you attend worship (perhaps on Saturday night) ask each member of the family if there is someone with whom they need to make things right.

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Birthdays

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Bev Hinton - 2 Ed Roden - 2
Rich Davis - 2 Tyler Fassio - 3
Ukari Yoshida - 6 Victoria Foerster - 19
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Women's Group meets @1pm

Men's group meets at the coney island at 10am

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Worship Service w/communion @ 11:30

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Bible Study @6pm

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Praise Team 4:00

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Worship Service @ 11:30

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Bible Study @6pm

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Praise Team 4:00

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Church Council Meeting @7pm

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Worship Service @ 11:30

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Bible Study @6pm

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Praise Team 4:00

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