



"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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JULY NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM PASTOR SHARON

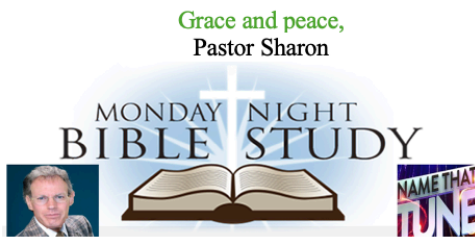
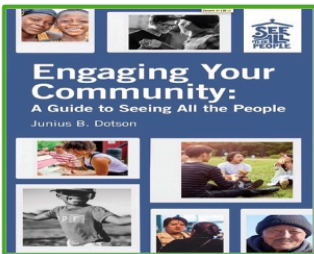
*Therefore, now no condemnation awaits those who are living in Jesus The Anointed, The Liberating / King, ² because when you live in The Anointed One, Jesus, a new law takes effect. The law of The Spirit of Life breathes into you and liberates you from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:1-2 (The Voice Bible)***

HAPPY NEW YEAR, UNITED METHODISTS! THE UMC Calendar Year Begins July 1st! Our Worship Theme Is **CORE Faith Frees Followers To Love Boldly!** Belief in The Resurrected Promised Messiah, Jesus, frees followers from the grips of eternal death, sin, and separation from God.

This July, our country celebrates its Semiquincentennial Birthday! Yes, the United States of America, as a nation, is 250 years old! In addition, this month honors National Pride Mental Health Month, National Grilling Hot Dog Day, and National Ice Cream Month! Also, July fireworks feature nods to Family Reunions, World Watercolors Festivals, Culinary Arts Fairs, Summer Picnics, Blueberries Bashes, and Outdoor Musical Events.

God is on the move here at First United Methodist Church as well, with so many great things in the planning. Our membership continues to grow as we reach out to our community siblings in loving service. We celebrate each of our members who continues to show compassion, kindness, respect, and love to one another.

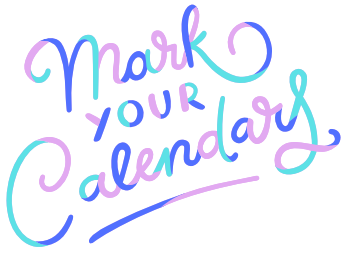
This year's visioning leadership training will be held each Second and Fourth Wednesday in the church library and on Zoom (784-000-401) from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. on July 8th and 22nd, as well as on August 12th and 26th for all persons on the Nominations Leadership Team. Our study guide will be **ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY...SEE ALL THE PEOPLE**. This vision casting workshop will chart our ministry pathway for 2026-2027 in preparation for Annual Church Conference! Please mark your calendars and come share your ideas for a better First United Methodist Church of Hazel Park!!! Together we will go above and beyond to LOVE BOLDLY, SERVE JOYFULLY, AND LEAD COURAGEOUSLY, MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD!!!



Michigan United Women of Faith Mission u 2026 SEE LEEANN AND COLLEEN FOR DETAILS TODAY, SO THAT RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE ACCURATELY!

- **Dates:** July 16–18, 2026.
- **Location:** Mt. Pleasant First UMC, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.
- **Theme:** "Experiencing Emmanuel".
- **Purpose:** To study, educate, and connect to improve the lives of women, children, and youth.

Upcoming Events



- ~Tuesday, July 9th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm
- ~Sunday, July 12th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, July 13th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, July 14th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm
- ~Thursday, July 16th - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Sunday, July 19th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, July 20th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, July 21st - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm
- ~Sunday, July 26th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, July 27th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, July 28th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm

Things to Keep in Mind



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!

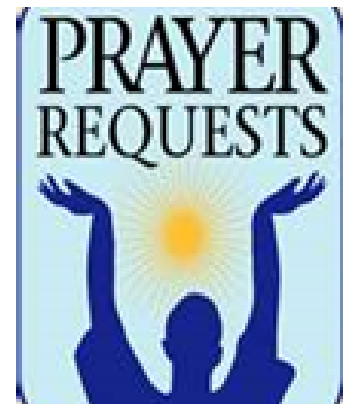
Time and date to TBD.

Health/Life Concerns: Frank Detoledo, Cappy Jones, Kateri Rang, Sue Anderson, Lisa Johnson,

Comfort for the friends and families of:

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

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: Rest

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

Scripture:

“Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28, Common English Bible

Reflection:

Life can sometimes get super busy. We might have a lot of homework to do or a special project at work that requires extra time. We might get overwhelmed with rehearsals before the play opens or we might not want to end our time playing with friends.

But the truth is, rest is important. God designed human beings with a need for down time. It's not just a good idea, it is necessary to help make us more ready when it is time to work or play again. And, Jesus tells us that if we come to him, he will give us rest.

Get them talking:

- Are you good at resting, or is it difficult for you? What makes it hard to rest?
- Have you ever been so busy that you have not rested well? How did that make things harder?
- What is your favorite part about bedtime? What is your least favorite part.
- What do you think Jesus means when he says, “I will give you rest”?

Prayer:

Dear God, teach us the importance of rest and how to enjoy times when we are not busy. Amen.

Activity:

Find time each week (30 minutes? an hour?) for the whole family to rest together. No work. No screens. Just rest, talk and be together.

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Morning Service: 11:30 am
Church Office: 248-546-5955
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Happy Birthday

July Birthdays

**Rosa Richards - 1 Pastor Sharon Appling - 4
Emma Hardy - 6 Camden Flint - 11
Hailey Rang - 15 James Gibson - 17
Susie Brewer - 18 Bill Anderson - 22**



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Worship Service
w/communion
@11:15

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Sunday School
at 2pm

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Chair Yoga
@6:30pm

Praise Team 4:00

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