



"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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MAY NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM PASTOR SHARON

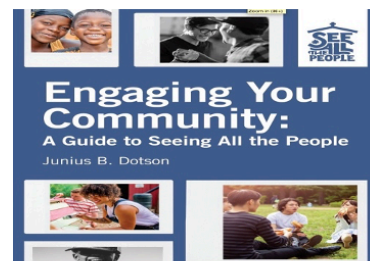
"Watch *closely*: I, The Lord, am preparing something new; it's happening now, *even as I speak*, and you're about to see it. I am preparing a way through the desert; waters will flow where there had been none." Isaiah 43:19

May Is A Month Filled With Celebrations, including National Fitness and Mental Health Check Up Time, Women's Health Awareness, Hispanic Celebration of Cinco De Mayo, National Day of Prayer Observance, and, of course, Mother's Day Month!



IN MAY, NEW LIFE SPRINGS FORTH! We can see the new things that God is doing here at First United Methodist Church in not only our grounds and gardens around the church, but in the lives of our beloved siblings as we seek to live out our faith in love, peace, and reconciliation. Worship, Bible Study, Ministry, and Christian Fellowship are all blooming here as our priorities of Making Disciples of Jesus for the Transformation of this World spring forth! Congratulations to Amber, our newest Certified Lay Servant! Thank each of you who engaged in the work of the church, using your spiritual gifts, helping hands, exhorting kind words, and loving generosity to touch the lives of others in and around our community!!! More is planned over the coming weeks! This year's Leadership Retreat is in the planning. The materials to be used are from The Board of Discipleship: SEE ALL THE PEOPLE. This vision for engaging in world-transforming disciple-making will shape our leadership vision in 2026-2027. I pray that you are excited about our growth and ready for what God has in store for FUMCHP!

Love you each,
Pastor Sharon



Upcoming Events



- ~Sunday, May 10th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, May 11th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Sunday, May 17th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, May 18th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Thursday, May 21st - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Sunday, May 24th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, May 25th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Sunday, May 31st - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, April 1st - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Saturday, April 6th - Men's Group Meets @10am
- ~Saturday, April 6th - Women's Group meets @1pm

Things to Keep in Mind



Join us this Memorial Day (May 25th at 10am) as we come together to watch the parade and celebrate our community! We'll also be handing out free water bottles along the parade route to help everyone stay cool and hydrated. We'd love to see you there and share this special day together!

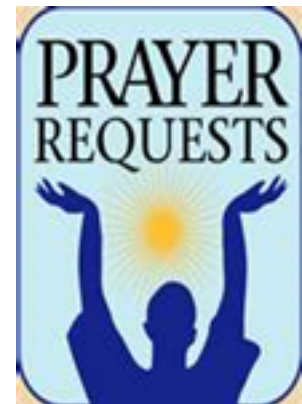
Health/Life Concerns: Adrien LaChapelle,ackie Martin, Ms. Lillie, Colleen KazmierzakRoger Riutta, Lisa Johnson.

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: Promises

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

Scripture:

Then Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant. Let it be with me just as you have said."
Then the angel left her. -Luke 1:38 *Common English Bible*

Reflection:

When the angel appears to Mary, she asks a lot of questions and humbly assumes the angel may have the wrong woman. Although she doesn't receive answers to all of her questions, Mary agrees to do what God is asking of her.

Following God is sometimes demanding. We don't always get answers to all of our questions. But when we are willing, God can do amazing things in and through us. The approaching new year is a wonderful time to recommit our lives to serve God and others.

Get them talking:

- What's the greatest promise anyone has ever made to you?
~How does it feel when someone does not follow through on a promise?
- What does God promise Mary (Luke 1:26-38)?
~What does Mary promise God?
- In the Covenant Renewal Service used at the beginning of a new year, we pray that God will use us.
~What does that mean?
~How will you prepare yourself to be used by God in the year ahead?

Prayer:

Dear God, give me the courage to say, "I am the Lord's servant," as Mary did. Amen.

Activity:

Early Methodists agreed to 'watch over one another in love', as a way of helping each member grow closer to God. Talk about ways you will watch over one another, and how you will encourage each other to say "yes" to God every day.

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May Birthday's

Kathy Rogers - 7
Heidi Ulanowski - 12
Gabriel Hernandez - 12
Amy Evans - 13