



"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 Brian Steele



We recently started our first “worship series” together. It’s quite possible that this is a new term for you. What is your wild millennial pastor thinking? What is a “worship series?” Why are we doing these? Great questions.

To briefly answer that, I’ll start off with another question. When you were in school, did it ever feel like your teacher just repeated the same lesson or saying over and over? That’s because as human beings we rarely understand anything the first time we hear it. We don’t really know how to live something out until we hear it a few times. Worship series help keep us focused on one central idea for several weeks so that we can understand that central theme more. It gives space for the Holy Spirit to work as the topic marinades in our minds and hearts.

Second, worship series allow us to be on a journey together for an extended period of time. Worship Design Expert Marcia McFee compares worship series to being at an artist’s curated show of the work. When you go to an artist’s gallery, there will be multiple pieces of art, but they all have a common theme. This allows us to progress through a common story together. We might have different interpretations of the work, but we’re on the same journey and speaking a similar language.

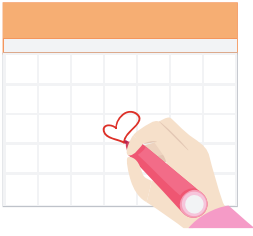
Third, worship series also allows for more variety and spontaneity to speak into what is going on in the life of our world and our congregations. Certainly, as the pastor, I am the chief visionary to do this discernment. But I desire to do it with you and to design series that will be of greatest benefit for you. Worship series allow us to design worship with the guest in mind during seasons when guests are most likely to visit (AKA after Christmas and Easter).

Finally and perhaps most importantly, it’s about using the full story of Scripture. If we’re honest, there are some parts of the Bible that we’d prefer weren’t there. Sometimes, certain series will be needed to dive into those parts of the Bible that are unfamiliar to us so that we can get a more full picture of who God is and calls us to be.

So, where do you need growth in your spiritual life? What are you desiring to learn about? Let me know! I am on the journey with you, and I’m grateful you are with me.

In grace,
Brian

Upcoming Events



Saturday, August 6th ~ Men's Breakfast will be at the Classic Coney at 10:00am
Saturday, August 6th ~ Women's group meets at 4pm
Thursday, August 25th ~ Church Council Meeting at 7pm
Thursday, August 25th ~ Hazel Park Hometown Huddle
Tuesday August 30th ~ The Sunshine Ministry



The church council meets once a month and is open for all to attend either in person or via Zoom. The meeting for this month is August 25th at 7:00pm. An email with the Zoom link, the minutes from the previous meeting and the agenda for the current meeting is sent out the week of the meeting. If you haven't attended in the past, consider joining this month.

Community News: Hazel Park Hometown Huddle

The Hometown Huddle is a free event at the Hazel Park High School to celebrate the first home football game! Everyone is welcomed and everything at the Huddle is FREE! There will be lots of fun things to do and free food.

Hazel Park First UMC will be setting up a booth for this event! We have started to put together a small package for each student that attends, and we are also hand out snow cones.

To those that are interested in helping with the hometown huddle at Hazel Park High School on Thursday, August 25th, please contact Sue Anderson if you want to help anyway with this event.

Community News: St. Paul UMC's Fall Festival

All Hazel Park Folks are welcome to attend our sisters church, St. Paul UMC's, Fall Festival on Saturday, August 27th from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 outside in the church parking lot (165 E Square Lake Rd, Bloomfield Twp, MI 48302). All ages are welcome to join for a petting zoo, a bounce house as well as a musical group. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be grilled and available for all. Come on out and invite a friend!



Church Directory for 2022



The corrections, additions and updates are being compiled for the 2022 Church Directory. Please take a minute to look and make sure that your name, address, phone number and e-mail address are listed correctly in the 2021 directory. If there are any changes, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

You can put a note in the box on the office door, send an e-mail to the church at hazelparkfirst@wowway.com or leave a voicemail by calling the church at 248-546-5955.

You can also take this opportunity to let the church know your birthday or anniversary so that your special days may be listed in future newsletters.

The Sunshine Ministry



The new "ministry", The Sunshine Ministry is seeking interested individuals who enjoy writing and connecting to others. Birthday cards, get well, encouragements, etc. will be sent out to our community and perhaps beyond.

If you have interest or ideas in this area, please contact LeeAnn Cox with any questions you may have.

Health/Life Concerns: Lisa's Aunt, Susan Martin (friend of Ed Roden's), Samuel's Recovery, Grandpa Brown, Harold Sarns, Tonia Houser, Linda Zeiss, Susan Martin, Tim Dubice, Rick & Gloria Kachadorian, Michael Dietzel, Larry & Delores Collins, Christopher & Angela Lovett, Elizabeth Doline, Sarah Ochoa (friend of Victoria Foerster), James Cagley, Rob Narducci, Jay Doline, Flora Jones.

Comfort for the friends and families of: Betty Cross (Grandmother of Pierre Cross), Dempsey Cabe, & Raymond Jacobs

Serving in the Armed Forces: Emma Hardy, Tristan Westleigh, 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. Brian Steele, 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.





Fruit or false



Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.



Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.



	Fruit	Vegetable
Apple	V	P
Carrot	E	O
Tomato	Y	R
Grape	C	F
Eggplant	T	D
Celery	I	N
Banana	K	M
Cucumber	N	W

	Fruit	Vegetable
Pepper	O	U
Spinach	R	S
Watermelon	H	P
Broccoli	G	N
Pumpkin	T	Y
Pear	F	C
Asparagus	L	R

But the fruit of the Spirit is lo__e, j__ __, pea__e,
 pa__ie__ce, __ind__ess, go__dne__s,
 fait__ful__ess, gen__leness, sel__-cont__ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

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August Birthdays!

Colleen Poole - 3	Debbie DeKeyser - 17
Vickie Houser - 8	Doug Powell - 18
Diana Pelletier - 15	Mae Horne - 20
Esther Presson - 15	Oscar Northern - 23
Mike DeKeyser - 17	Tonya Horne - 27



August Anniversaries

August 28th Bev & Jack Hilton
August 29th Janet & Leonard Hall 

AUGUST 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Praise Team 5:00	3	4 Praise Team 5:00	5	6 Men's breakfast @Classic Coney, 10am Woman's group @4pm
7 Worship Service w/ communion @ 11:15	8	9 Praise Team 5:00	10	11 Praise Team 5:00	12	13
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