



"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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Our Mission Statement: The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazel Park is to embrace every generation with the love of Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship that spiritually and physically enriches the individual, the community and the world.

▪ February 2017 ▪



FROM THE PASTOR: CLAIM AND PROCLAIM CHRIST

"In his autobiography, Mahatma Gandhi wrote that during his student days he read the Gospels seriously and considered converting to Christianity. He believed that in the teachings of Jesus he could find the solution to the caste system that was dividing the people of India. So, one Sunday he decided to attend services at a nearby church and talk to the minister about becoming a Christian. When he entered the sanctuary, however, the usher refused to give him a seat and suggested that he go worship with his own people. Gandhi left the church and never returned. 'If Christians have caste differences also,' he said, 'I might as well remain a Hindu.' That usher's prejudice not only betrayed Jesus but also turned a person away from trusting Him as Savior."

Beloved, as the Body of Christ we are to live as the earthly reflection of His love, His peace, and His righteousness. Right now, our country and our world are going through some trying times, and there are times that people, nations, and organizations do not live lives that reflect what they claim they believe. But as the Body of Christ we are to seek daily to discipline ourselves to claim the life that Christ proclaimed for us to live in the scriptures. For as Christ told us 14 "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14-16, NLT

God Bless your hearts,

Pastor Frederick Sampson

Women With Faith

Our ladies group, *Women with Faith* will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at 1:00 PM in the meeting room on the lower level.

Sue Anderson will show us how to make scarves for people waiting at the bus stops in our neighborhood. (If possible, bring a pair of scissors). This is how we share God's love that He has given to us.

For more information, contact Joan Sarns at 586-292-0812.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Frederick Sampson III • Music Director: Matt Sarns • Secretary: Marianne Foskett
Praise Team Leader: Nick Haller • Organist: Harriet Hardy



SOUP & SALAD POTLUCK: AFTER SERVICE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12



After Church service on Sunday, February 12, we will have a Soup & Salad Potluck Dinner downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. For those who can bring a dish to pass, there is a sign-up sheet in the Library.



The men of HP First will meet for breakfast on **Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 AM.**

We will meet at the Classic Coney Restaurant, 24041 Dequindre Rd. (at Woodward Heights) in Hazel Park.

For more information, contact Nick Haller at 313-319-2146.



CHEESY SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

This dish was prepared by Pam Sampson for our Sunday coffee hour on January 1st. Pam was asked to share the recipe, so we are re-printing it below:

- One 14 oz. can artichoke hearts – drained, chopped**
- One 10 oz. pkg. frozen chopped spinach – thawed, drained**
- 1 cup Hellman's mayonnaise**
- 1 cup grated parmesan cheese**
- 2 ½ cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese (or whatever shredded cheese you choose)**

Preheat oven to 350.

Grease meatloaf/baking dish.

Mix all ingredients except ½ cup of the shredded cheese.

Transfer mix to baking dish, then sprinkle the top with the remaining cheese.

Bake until cheese is melted, about 15 minutes. YUM!!!



The AARP Foundation offers free income tax return preparation and free filing for all taxpayers with middle to low income with special attention to those age 60 and older. This free service, available February 1st through April 14th, is provided by the AARP Foundation and their IRS-certified tax preparers in cooperation with various civic organizations.

Appointments are now available at many locations around the metropolitan area:

- Ferndale Senior Center ◦ Call for appointment - 248.544.6767
- Madison Heights Senior Center ◦ Call 248-545-3464 for appointment.



Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16 (NIV)

Based on John 3:14-17 (NIV)



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REQUESTS — FOR — PRAYER

Health/Life Concerns: Leonard Hall, Stephanie Venus & brother Paul, Earline Marcomb & sister Dorothy, Lynda McChesney, Dorothy Bastien, Dennis Rash, Marie (sister of Teresa McMillian-Gerrish), Betty McGinn, Christina Anderson, Colin Loving (Grandson of Rick & Gloria Kachadorian); Steven Sarns, Katie Ostrolencki (granddaughter of Sharon Allen), Patricia Rosso, Patricia Gebo, and Shelly Hammarskjold.

Serving in the Armed Forces: Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner and Chris Collis.

Church Leaders: Bishop David A. Bard, Conference Cabinet Members, our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr., the Detroit Renaissance District, and our pastor, Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, III.



Members of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences will gather together for the **2017 Michigan Area Annual Conference** at the Grand Traverse Conference Center, June 1-4.

"Gather UP!" will bring together these two annual conferences for the first time in Northern Michigan for a time of worship, fellowship and the continued work of creating a new annual conference in the state. Gather UP! the theme for the week is based on the miracle story of Jesus feeding the 5000 (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15) and takes us on a discipleship journey from feelings of scarcity to joyful abundance.

For church members who do not hold a leadership position but would like to attend the conference, the Detroit Renaissance District has approximately 40 openings for "members at large." If you are interested in attending the conference as a "member at large" please see John Sarns.

For more information about the Annual Conference, visit <http://2017.michiganumc.org/>

HAZEL PARK FIREFIGHTERS BOWLING FUNDRAISER



Hazel Park Firefighters Local 1414 is sponsoring their 11th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Saturday, February 20 at Hazel Park Bowl, 24211 Hughes Ave. Cost is \$25.00 per person which includes 3 games, shoes and pizza. Door prizes and 50-50 raffle tickets will be available. Proceeds will benefit Hazel Park Youth Assistance & the Hazel Park Firefighters Charity Fund. Check In at 6:30 PM; Bowling starts at 7:00 PM.

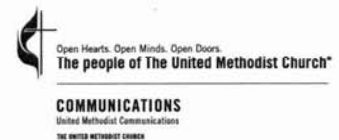


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK

February 2017

Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																			
<p>AA Meetings: <u>Monday thru Friday</u> at 6:30 pm <u>Saturday:</u> 10:30 am & 8:00 pm <u>Sunday:</u> Women Only at 6:00</p>	 <p>USHER SCHEDULE February: Carol & Jack Willey March: Bev Hinton & Janet Hall</p>		<p>1 Praise Team 6:00</p>	<p>2 Presentation of the Lord/ Candlemas</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Men's Breakfast at Classic Coney 10:00 Praise Team 12:00</p>																																			
<p>5 5th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service w/ Communion 11:15 AM;</p>	6	7	<p>8 Women with Faith 1:00 PM Basement meeting room. Praise Team 6:00</p>	9	10	<p>11 Praise Team 11:00</p>																																			
<p>12 6th Sunday after the Epiphany Boy Scout Sunday (Scouting Ministries Sunday) (USA) Worship Service 11:15 AM; SOUP & SALAD POT-LUCK DINNER after church service.</p>	13	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day</p>	15	<p>16 Praise Team 5:00 Church Council 7:00 PM</p>	17	<p>18 Praise Team 11:00</p>																																			
<p>19 7th Sunday after the Epiphany Worship Service 11:15 AM;</p>	<p>20 Presidents Day (USA) </p>	21	<p>22 Praise Team 6:00 Community Dinner at Ferndale UMC 6:00—7:30 PM</p>	23	24	<p>25 Praise Team 11:00</p>																																			
<p>26 8th Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration of the Lord Worship Service 11:15 AM;</p>	27	28	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>MARCH 2017</p> <table style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td></td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </table> </div>					1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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- Bill Foscett.....February 6
- Ricky Cross, Jr.....February 7
- Renee Dusseau.....February 17
- Pierre Cross.....February 25
- Dorothy Canyock.....February 28