



# "In Touch" at Hazel Park First UMC

Newsletter for all those who worship at First United  
Methodist Church of Hazel Park



Organized in 1924 • Incorporated in 1925 • Sanctuary Completed 1953  
315 E. Nine Mile Rd. • Hazel Park, Michigan 48030 • 248-546-5955 • [www.hpfirst.org](http://www.hpfirst.org)



## Pastor's Pen

Pastor Sharon Appling

Jesus understood what an awesome task was before Him, so He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask The Lord Of The Harvest to send more workers into His harvest field." Matthew 9:37-38

HAPPY SOUL HARVEST SEASON, HAZEL PARK!

Traveling from Judea to Galilee, Jesus stopped to rest at the Jacob Well while His disciples went away to buy food. Jesus intentionally met a Samaritan Women by the well at high noon to engage her in a life-changing conversation concerning her desire for Living Water. After the dialogue, the woman left her burdensome water jar and ran to tell her entire hometown of Sychar about The Man that told her all about her past. As the result of her witness, an entire town came to believe in Jesus Christ as The Promised Messiah!

Jesus later turns to His disciples and says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask The Lord Of The Harvest to send more workers into His harvest field." As we approach the fall season, let us go out into the Hazel Park Community and harvest souls for Christ Jesus with our love service in gratitude to God.

### **Come, Church Family, The Hazel Park Harvest Is Ripe!**

Thank you for being such a warm, welcoming congregation! Just look at our Christian Fellowship. Bravo, to all that give their gifts in ministry here. Worship has been rich and impactful. The Annual Church Conference was successful. Families have been fed, clothed, supported, and referred for additional social services. Truly this month, we left the building!!! Through Memorial services we have walked with bereaved families during their grieving. Bible Study, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry are all growing, with more on-line participants. FUMCOHP Laity are taking classes. A fellowship with our Sister Church, Kingdom Believers, is planned for December 14 th ! Our relationship with other United Methodist Church Members has demonstrated the Connectionalism that is foundational to our Wesleyan Traditions!



# Upcoming Events



- ~Monday, Oct. 13th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @7pm
- ~Tuesday, Oct. 16th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Thursday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> - Church Council Meeting @7pm
- ~Monday, Oct. 20th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @7:00pm
- ~Tuesday, Oct. 21th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Saturday, Oct. 25th - Truck or Treat @scout parl 1-3
- ~Monday, Aug. 27th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @7pm
- ~Tuesday, Aug. 28th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30
- ~Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Men's Meeting @ 10am
- ~Saturday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Women's Meeting @ 10am

## Things to Keep in Mind



### Church Directory for 2025

Updated Church directories are in the library! Make sure you pick your new one up! It's the red cover!



## **Get Them Talking: Trust**

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

### **Scripture:**

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6, Common English Bible*

### **Reflection:**

We trust many people. We have confidence in the skill of the person who built our home, designed the bridge we cross, and drives the bus to keep us safe. We trust our teachers, friends and family members always to do what is best for us, and we want them to trust us also.

Additionally, the Bible teaches us to, “Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” Because God is good, we can know that God always wants what is best for us. In the same way that we demonstrate our trust in parents and teachers by doing what they ask of us, we show our trust in God by following God’s way.

### **Get them talking**

- List all the people you trust: physicians, postal workers, teachers and truck drivers. How many can you name?
- What makes you trusting of others? What makes it difficult to trust someone?
- Why do you think it is important to do follow the instructions of people you trust?
- 

### **Prayer**

*Dear God, I trust you with all my heart. Amen.*

### **Activity**

Take a trust walk. Have your child lead you around your home or neighborhood while you close or cover your eyes. Then switch roles. Which was more difficult, trusting or being trusted? Was giving and following instructions important? Why?



## **Children's Sermon: A Mustard Seed Faith (Luke 17:5-10)**



Have you ever seen a mustard seed? The mustard seed is one of the smallest of all seeds.

Some people think of faith when they think of mustard seeds. Faith is when we believe in God and His power.

The reason some people use mustard seeds as a symbol of faith is because of something Jesus said in the Bible, when Jesus' friends asked Him how they could have stronger faith, Jesus said, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!"

Jesus said that God is so powerful that if our faith is even as small as this little seed, then we can do incredible things with His power.

If Jesus said we could pray and ask God to move a tree from our front yard to the sea, then we need even smaller faith to just move this plant a little bit.

Jesus didn't say someone with the faith of the mustard seed can move trees to the sea so that a bunch of people would start uprooting trees. That wasn't His point. He was teaching us that it doesn't take a great faith for great things to happen. Why? Because what happens doesn't depend on us, but instead on God. God has the power to do anything, and God is for us so we can trust whatever He does.

God, we ask for a mustard seed sized faith. Help us to believe and never doubt Your mighty power. In Jesus' name, amen.

### **Scripture:**

*(Luke 17:5-10)*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? 8 Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? 9 You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? 10 In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

### **Prayer:**

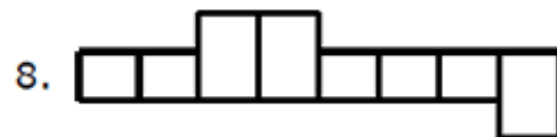
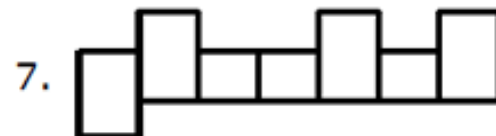
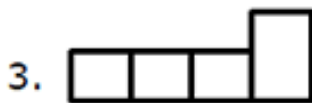
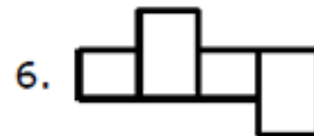
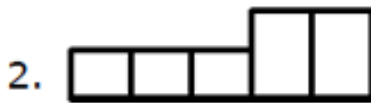
*God, we ask for a mustard seed-sized faith. Help us to believe and never doubt Your mighty power. In Jesus' name, amen.*



# A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



seed  
tree

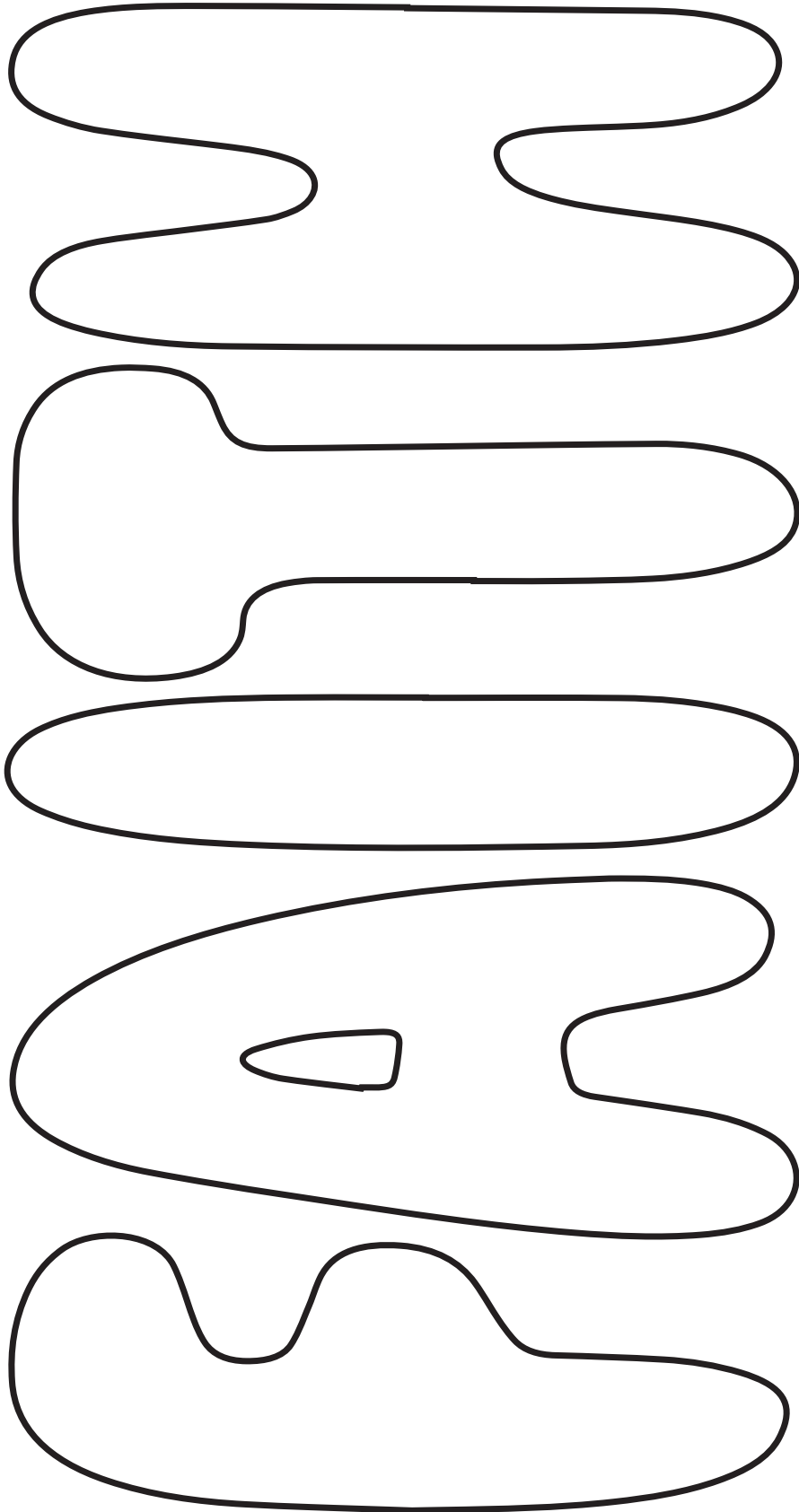
obey  
small

planted  
mulberry

mustard  
faith



FAITH







# MUSTARD TREE



***"The  
apostles  
said to  
the Lord,***



***'Increase  
our faith!'***



***The Lord  
replied, 'If  
you had  
faith the  
size of a  
mustard  
seed,***



***you could  
say to this  
mulberry  
tree,***



***'Be  
uprooted  
and planted  
in the sea,'  
and it would  
obey you.'"***



***Luke 17:5-6***

Hazel Park First United Methodist Church  
315 E. Nine Mile Rd.  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



Sunday Morning Service: 11:15 am  
Church Office: 248-546-5955  
E-mail: [hpfirstumc@gmail.com](mailto:hpfirstumc@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.hpfirst.org](http://www.hpfirst.org)

♥ Happy ♥  
Birthday

**October Birthdays**

Jackie Martin 2  
Danny Edwards 13  
Jade Haller 13  
Al Holland 14  
Adrien LaChapelle 22  
Pam Sampson 25





# October 2025



SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

<div>  <div> <b>October Birthdays</b>            Jackie Martin 2            Danny Edwards 13            Jade Haller 13            Al Holland 14            Adrien LaChapelle 22            Pam Sampson 25         </div> </div>			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Worship Service w/communion @11:15	Bible Study @7pm	Chair Yoga @6:30pm Praise Team 4:00				Men's group meets at the coney island at 10am Women's group meets in the fellowship hall at 1pm
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship Service @11:15	Bible Study @7pm	Chair Yoga @6:30pm Praise Team 4:00		Church Council Meeting @ 7:00		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Worship Service @11:15	Bible Study @7pm	Chair Yoga @6:30pm Praise Team 4:00				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Trunk or Treat 1 - 3 @ Scout Park Worship Service @11:15	Bible Study @7pm	Chair Yoga @6:30pm Praise Team 4:00			HAPPY HALLOWEEN	