



"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 Sharon Appling

Dear First United Methodist Church of Hazel Park,

I am thrilled that we have engaged more individuals through passionate worship, Online Bible Study Participation, Children/Youth Ministries To Families, Lay Servant Ministries Training, Women's Ministries Involvement, warm fellowship meals, facility upgrades, installation of a beautifully inviting yard sign, and increased Lay Servant Ministries Training! This is exciting. Our average attendance has increased on Sundays, both in the sanctuary and via Facebook. Glory To God, for each of your anointed skills, gifts, and talents at work here in Hazel Park and beyond!!!

This year our Church Conference will take place at our August Council Meeting on August 20, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Please join the Visioning Sessions on August 12th and 19th in preparation of all required documentation and forms. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Darryl E. Totty, will preside over the conference. You may join and fully participate with voice and vote here in the library or via Zoom.

August Newsletter Notes From Pastor Sharon

Eternal One (to Habakkuk): "Write down this vision. Write it clearly on tablets, so that anyone who reads it may run. 3 For the vision points ahead to a time I have appointed; it testifies regarding the end, and it will not lie. Even if there is a delay, wait for it. It is coming and will come without delay!"-
Habakkuk 2:2-3

August Worship Themes Focus On Praise And The Power Of Faithful, Fruitful Leadership Under Almighty God!

As we transition from the warm days of summer to the cooler days of fall, the worship theme focuses on fervent praise and fruitful leadership. Discipleship Ministries is asking us to focus on our presence and posture for effective ministry to all of our siblings in the local and global community. Let us renew our commitment to Love boldly, serve Joyfully, and lead courageously with a life in Christ that will transform our world with peace and justice for all of God's creation!!!



Pastor's Pen Cont.

Key National Days & Dates

August 4: National Coast Guard Day, National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day, and National Night Out.

August 7: National Purple Heart Day and International Beer Day.

August 12: National Middle Child Day.

August 13: International Left Handers Day.

August 15: National Relaxation Day.

August 19: World Humanitarian Day.

August 21: National Senior Citizens Day.

August 25: National Park Service Birthday (Free entrance day to national parks).

August 26: Women's Equality Day and National Dog Day.



Upcoming Events



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Calendar

- ~Monday, Aug. 10th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, Aug. 11th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm
- ~Sunday, Aug. 16th - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, Aug. 17th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, Aug 18th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm
- ~Thursday, Aug. 20th - Church Council Meeting @ 7pm
- ~Sunday, Aug. 23rd - Sunday School @2pm
- ~Monday, Aug 24th - Bible study in the library or via zoom @6:00pm
- ~Tuesday, Aug 25th - Chair Yoga @ 6:30pm
- ~Friday, Aug. 28th - Ice Cream Social @ 6pm

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!

August 28th @6pm

At 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 15, Pastor Sharon will officiate over the internment of Joan Sarns at Clinton Grove Cemetery in Mt. Clemens. Clinton Grove Cemetery is located at 21189 Cass Avenue; Clinton Township, MI 48036. The cemetery lot is right at the entrance next to the office.

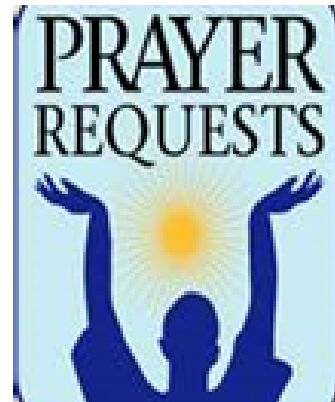
A luncheon will follow at Bath City Bistro; 75 Macomb Place in Downtown Mt. Clemens.

Health/Life Concerns: Cappy Jones, Rich Davis, Michelle Renee Lisiewski,

Comfort for the friends and families of: Lewis Stephens

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: Creation

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

Scripture:

“God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.” Genesis 1:31, Common English Bible

Reflection:

The earth is filled with so much beauty that we can all have different favorites.

Some love animals while others like looking at the stars. Some grow plants and others watch birds. Some like their feet in beach sand, while others like the smell of a campfire. Some enjoy the heat of summer, but others prefer the cool of winter.

No matter which is your favorite, God says all of creation is “supremely good.” That includes you! We have been made by God and reflect God’s beauty, just like the animals, stars, plants, birds and all the rest. Part of our job is to care for all God has created.

Get them talking:

- What is your favorite part of nature? Animals or birds? Bugs or plants? Mountains or ocean? Sunshine or snow?
- If you could do anything outside today, in any place on earth, what would you choose?
- What are some ways we can help care for God’s good creation?

Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for the beautiful and supremely good world you created. Teach us how to see its beauty every day and to become better caretakers of our world. Amen.

Activity:

Spend intentional time exploring nature. You can travel to a special place or explore the world just outside your window. What do you see? Hear? Feel? Smell? Taste?

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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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Jennifer Bailey - 3 Brianne Steele - 14
Oscar Northern - 23**



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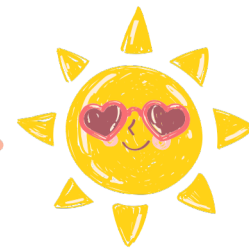
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