"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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PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

Raise your voices; make a beautiful noise to The Eternal One, all the earth. Serve The Lord gladly; enter into The Creator's presence singing songs of joy! Know this: The Eternal One is Truth, The One Who made us; we have not made ourselves; we are God's people, like sheep grazing in green fields. Enter through God's gates, giving thanks; walk into the courts giving praise. Offer The Lord your gratitude and praise God's holy name. Because The Eternal One is good, God's loyal love and mercy will never end, and Almighty God's truth will last throughout all generations! Psalm 100:1-4 (The Voice Bible)*

OCTOBER MINISTRY CELEBRATIONS

During the month of October, God blessed us with an increase in memberships: one by baptism (Remi June Wright), two confessions of faith (Michael Cooper and James Toney), one request for membership from another UMC (Clayton Savage), and one transfer from another denomination (Zena McFarland). Hallelujah, glory to The Almighty One. Participation in the GDD Lay Servant Ministries included people taking training classes: Zena, Frank, LeeAnn, Faye, Matthew M., and Clayton. The Women's Ministry attended major events across the GDD, including the District and Conference Women Of Faith Annual Meetings, Rocking In Pearls Benefit, and the French UMC Concert. A representation of our leadership also participated in the Methodist Union Meeting during October. Ashley, John, Tege, and Tyler led the church in participation with the City of Hazel Park. Thank you, FUMCHP Family, for your generous donation of treats! Sue, Ashley, Collin, and Kateri presented fun and fact-filled Children's Messages! Andrew did an amazing job creating our harvest altar center. John, Tyler, Matthew, and Frank have plans to roll out our livestreamed worship soon. Name That Tune with Matt has been a Monday Night Favorite.

Finally, Laity Sunday on October 18th was our Sunday with the largest attendance. Faye, Collin, Matthew, and Frank preached an outstanding Sermon Series on the Theme: "Together By Grace: Be Grounded in Love." Bill Anderson provided special music, and guests of the Wright Family joined the worship. Our attendance exceeded ninety! Tege and the Culinary Team provided a wonderful fellowship meal, which completed the day! With the coming final liturgical season of The United Methodist Year and Thanksgiving, then Advent, we are excited about what God has in store for FUMCHP! Keep praying, God Is On The Move!!!

WITH A HEART OF THANKSGIVING,
Pastor Sharon

Greater Detroit District Hybrid Conference Friday, November 20, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER, BUILDING CHRIST'S CHURCH
Romans 15:7



CARING COMMUNICATING LEADING
Lay Servant Ministries

See Frank Cox For Details Of November Classes!

Upcoming Events



~Monday, November 16th - Bible Study in the Library @ 6:00pm
~Tuesday, November 17th - Chair Yoga @6:15pm
~Thursday, November 19th - Church Council Meeting at 7:00pm
~Sunday, November 22nd - Sunday School @9:30am
~Monday, November 23rd - Bible Study in the Library @ 6:00pm
~Monday, November 23rd - Hanging of the 'Greens' @6:30pm
~Tuesday, November 24th - Chair Yoga @6:15pm
~Thursday, November 26th - Thanksgiving Dinner 3-6pm
~Sunday, November 29th - Sunday School @9:30am
~Monday, November 30th - Bible Study in the Library @ 6:00pm
~Tuesday, November 24th - Chair Yoga @6:15pm

Things to Keep in Mind



Health/Life Concerns: Adrain Lachepelle, Rich Davis, Lisa Johnson, Sue Anderson

Comfort for the friends and families of:

Serving in the Armed Forces: Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner, Chris Collis & Cierre Turner.



How to Deal with Change

When you hear the word, "change," what comes to mind? Is it feelings of fear, anxiety, or dread? Maybe the word excites you and you associate it with positive sensations like adventure, excitement, or even relief. At the heart of "change," is the knowledge that our circumstances will be different. Maybe we won't be as happy as we are right now. Maybe we'll have less money. Maybe our sense of security will be torn out from under us like a rug. But maybe, just maybe – change can be positive if we allow it to be.

If we look at a few Bible stories, we can see change sometimes brings about negative consequences. Adam and Eve – they couldn't resist that forbidden fruit, their eyes were opened, and it separated human from God in a way we can never hope to regain. God's original design for our delight and comfort was unceremoniously trampled upon. And while we'll never know what life could've been like lazing about in the Garden of Eden all day, what we have now isn't bad either because of another "change."

I'm sure you've guessed it by now. The change I'm referring to was quite a big one! When God came down and became fully human, and offered himself up, He assured us that we would never be distant from Him again if we didn't want to be. I can think of no better change in history than that. Was Jesus looking forward to the necessary steps for that change to occur? Certainly not. Crucifixion is a dreadful way to die. But, He knew that we needed to transform – to be changed inside and out. And he was the only one who could do it.

I recently read (I'm sorry the author escapes me) to stop thinking about our lives in terms of seasons. Instead, we should think about them as "assignments." When we view our situations in this way, it helps us to remember that there is an end date for our work and our suffering to be completed.

Maybe you're working for a company that is slowly sinking and you can sense an end to your employment. Your assignment is to stay and do the very best you can as if serving God and not man until your assignment is over. Although difficult, you'll be able to look back with pride rather than regret.

Maybe you're single and waiting for God to send you a spouse. Your assignment is to wait in the shelter of the Lord. Wait patiently for God to answer your prayers. You may be single for a lifetime, but your assignment is to wait and have faith nonetheless.

Maybe you have a house full of young children. Your assignment is to enjoy the hustle and bustle of a full home. Children are not children forever. Be mindful and enjoy this assignment while it lasts. Maybe you're in school and can't wait to earn your diploma and begin your life. Don't wish your days away in that assignment of your life. Learn all you can, so you are better equipped to do as John Wesley suggested, "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Enjoy the assignment you're in right now. Or at the very least, step back and let God use this assignment for your good. Then, when the time comes for a change again (and it will) and you find yourself unwilling or unable, step back and let the Master of the Universe take control.

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Ron Anderson - 10 Aaron Hardy - 11
Adam Hardy - 19 Jessica Winship - 24





November 2026






SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Worship Service w/communion @11:15 Sunday School at 9:30am	2 Bible Study @6:00pm	3 Chair Yoga @6:15pm Praise Team 4:00	4 	5	6	7 Mens Group @10am Women's Group @1pm
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