

The Clarion

July 2019

First UMC is a welcoming, accepting, caring and diverse Christian community committed to teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to all people through faith-based worship, exciting programs and outreach ministry.

Ponderings from your Pastor

Dear Friends,

My wife, Autumn, and I have been blessed to have the opportunity to serve the United Methodist Church for 7 years now, but our roots to the United Methodist Church go much deeper. I grew up in Warren, attending Warren First UMC and Autumn grew up outside of Kalamazoo attending Gull Lake UMC. Both of us are pastor's kids, with Autumn's dad and my mom both serving as pastors in the United Methodist Church.

Since graduating from seminary, we served 4 years in Grosse Pointe and 3 years in Birmingham. We are so excited for the opportunity to come and serve in Mount Clemens! In many ways it feels like coming home. We are honored to have a chance to serve alongside all of you, as we share the love of Christ.

If you want to know about me, then you have to know about my family! I would not be who I am today without the support of Autumn. I have been happily married to Autumn for close to 10 years (December will be 10 years). We now have the joy of being parents to our daughter, Elodie, who is 26 months old. Elodie is our ambassador, bringing energy and joy with her everywhere she goes. Pretty soon you will get to see her bouncing all over the church, feeling right at home. Just as I am called to serve in the church, my wife Autumn's calling is to education. She recently found out that she will be serving as a 4th grade teacher at Graham Elementary! We look forward to continuing in ministry together, for many years to come.

So far in my ministry, I have had some wonderful opportunities to coordinate mission, locally and abroad, lead various committees, provide pastoral care, design meaningful and creative worship, and find ways to engage in the communities where I've served. I see strength in collaboration, while still having the confidence to lead. Although I have served as an associate pastor, I have been the primary pastor and preacher for Birmingham First's Contemporary Service, over the past three years. I can't wait to hear your stories, find out what Mount Clemens UMC is passionate about, and have some fun together in ministry.

In each place we have served, we have witnessed the love of Christ for our family and for others. We are so excited to see how God will work through our time together to show God's abundant love to all. See you soon! We can't wait to get to know you.

In Christ,
Pastor Dan





Listening Sessions with Pastor Dan

Pastor Dan is so excited to get to know his new congregation! He has asked if it would be possible to schedule a number of small group meetings in homes or at church in order to get to know us, listen to our hopes and dreams, anxieties and fears; as together, we transition into this new ministry. If you are able to host one of these small, informal coffee and dessert meetings, please sign up on the list in Wesley Hall or contact Wendy Jones in the office.

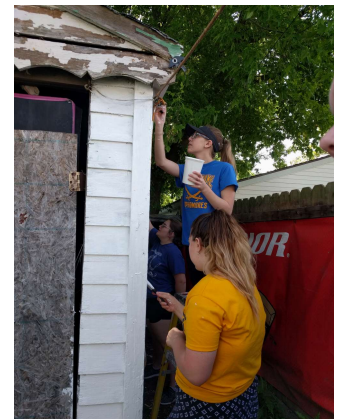
Youth Group ~Summer of Service~

The Summer of Service has begun and already in June our youth have put together some backyard play structures for Elodie Hart, painted a shed for a Mt. Clemens resident, and worked at the Macomb Food Pantry. This month we will renovate the youth room with a fresh coat of paint, new furniture, and some new decorations.

This will take place July 8 -12 from 9:00 – 3:00 each day.

Come by and offer encouragement or pick up a paint brush and help out. Also, in July we will travel to Arts and Scraps in Detroit to help take recycled materials and create educational packets for teachers.

Please be in prayer for our youth as they share God's love by serving their neighbors.





Take me out to the ballgame!!
Our youth group enjoyed a night of baseball and fireworks at Jimmy John's Field on Friday June 21. A fun night was enjoyed by all.



Fall Planning

Planning for the fall youth group activities is already underway. Youth, if you have a suggestion for a service project, a fun outing, or a topic you would like to discuss, write it down and place it in Rev. Alicea's mailbox.

Calling all 6th Graders!

Are you going into the 6th grade this fall?? Then stay tuned to the Clarion for your invitation to the Youth Group Kick-Off event! Middle School can be scary, come to youth group and receive love and laughter to help you as you navigate a new school, make new friends, and juggle new expectations.



The Children's Worship Center is receiving an update. Don and Barbara Clay are assisting Rev. Alicea with painting the walls and creating a mural on the wall. If you are interested in helping to paint and organize this room, please contact Rev. Alicea to be added to the list of helpers. You will be contacted with the painting day date.



Area Vacation Bible School Dates

Looking for a Vacation Bible School experience for your family? Check out these area churches. Be ready for VBS to make a comeback next summer here at First UMC!

Roseville Trinity United Methodist Church

- July 22-26 beginning at 6:00 pm

1st Presbyterian Mount Clemens

- July 29-August 1 beginning at 6:00 pm



**child
protection training**

Protection Policy Training

The next protection policy training will be **August 24 from 9:30 – 11:30am**. Anyone who works with Children, Youth, or Vulnerable Persons in our church must take this training and be authorized by the end of the year. There will be trainings, once a month in September, October, and November in order to give everyone an opportunity to participate. If you have a question as to whether or not you should take this training, please see Rev. Alicea.



July Birthdays

Sydney Olszewski	07/01
Celeste Duggan	07/03
Fred Hathaway	07/04
Rick Lyon	07/04
Suzanne Tregembo	07/05
Patsy Weagel	07/05
Emma Lucido	07/06
Michael Olszewski Jr	07/06
Steven Paul	07/08
Polly Darling	07/09
Rory Flanigan	07/12
Ben Wilden	07/12
Irene Cloud	07/13
Tony Lucido	07/14
Bonnie Kaster	07/23
JoyAnn Wells-Flanigan	07/24
Patricia Arketa	07/25
Debra Card	07/28
Michael Keller	07/28
Meribeth Bocker-Querio	07/30
Diane McDougall	07/30
Patricia Yousif	07/30
Melissa Machalak	07/31



July Anniversaries

Tom & Sandy Baber	07/02
Jason & Melissa Parker	07/13
Aaron & Bethany Gimm	07/31



Dear Church,
Thank you for the last 2 years! Thank you for your love, kindness, honesty and willingness to explore new things. Your sweet, sweet spirit will be with me always! Thank you so much for your generous retirement gift, the amazing & fun party, the beautiful quilt and so much more. I cannot tell you how much you all mean to us and we will miss each and every one of you. Thank you for everything! I'll be coming to see your new sign around Christmas too!
B-blessed,
Rev. Maureen & Bob

Dear First UMC,
Thank you so much for everything, we really appreciate it!
His kindness shines through you!!
Thank you,
Mount Clemens High, Class of 2019

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all of your prayers and cards while I was in the hospital.
Love and Blessings,
Shirley Champion



Dear Friends,
Thank you so much to all of you who helped in some way to make Rev. Maureen's retirement celebration a great success. If we listed all of you by name, we'd have to add an extra page to the The Clarion. We are so grateful for every person who gave us ideas, shopped, contributed to the Love Offering, prayed for us, helped us set up or clean up and, in general, just supported us in any way you could. Thanks again!
Julie Strayer
Andrea Kruse
Pastor Parish Committee

Dear First UMC,
Thank you so very much for all of your generosity! Your congregation is amazing and we appreciate your donation of time and resources!
Ms. Cusenza and
4th Hour Fashion Design

Dear Quilters,
I just want to thank you for my "patriotic" birthday gift quilt. That was a real surprise. I was very happy to receive it and it will be put to good use. Thanks again. "You are special"
Warmly,
Del Thomas

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for the thoughts, prayers, and cards at a most difficult time. They were a source of comfort to know so many were thinking of us.
Thank you,
The family of Raymond Slivensky



Church Garage Sale

- Saturday July 20 from 9:00am to 1pm

Below are times when items can be dropped off for the sale.

Collection Dates:

Sunday, July 7 after church

Thursday, July 11 – 6:00 to 8:00pm

Saturday, July 13 - 9:00am to noon

Sunday, July 14 after church

Monday, July 15 - 6:00 to 8:00pm

Tuesday, July 16 - 6:00 to 8:00pm

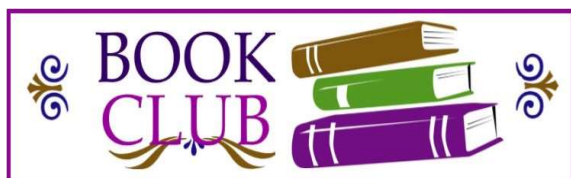
Wednesday, July 17 - 6:00 to 8:00pm

Thursday, July 18 - 6:00 to 8:00pm



Change for Change Recap

This year's Change for Change collection was very successful! \$1,265.00 was collected which will be used to help support various church ministries. We have now held four Change for Change collections and collected a total of \$5,306.00. Thank you again for your generous donations!



The book club will meet on **Tuesday, July 9th**, and discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, by Gail Honeyman.



Join Dwanda Ashford and the Greater Detroit District Office for a Journey Through the Bible in the Holy Land, **March 17-27, 2020**.



Another travel/tour opportunity is with Rev. David Nellist. We will explore together our Wesley Heritage in England, **June 17-25, 2020**.

Register Early and Save!! For more details, see the brochures posted in Wesley Hall.



Attendance, Gifts and Tithes for the month of June, 2019

	<i>Amount Received</i>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
June 2	\$4,551.00	\$6,500.00	104
June 9	\$8,077.00	\$6,500.00	174
June 16	\$3,709.00	\$6,500.00	99
June 23	\$4,833.00	\$6,500.00	114

Our Church Family

Carl Cendrowski, Gus Querio, Jo Fowler, Henry Cusic
Grieving: Bob Kruse, Fred Jasmund, Lori Glassnor, Russell Kruger

Our Friends and Family

Dave Gasparato, Marty Kelley, Gloria Krutell

Our Homebound

Myrna Born, Marilyn Jean Borow, Dawn Brass, Shirley Champion, Irene Cloud, Polly Darling,
Marjie Eckhout, Karen Loos, Murray Shelson, Fred Thielk, Rosalie Tinkham, Patsy Weagel,
Gladys Wiggins, Bernie Weideman

Those Serving in the Armed Forces

Adam Donahue, Tami Morgan, Brian Hill

College Students

Brianna Akers, Michaela Baker, Emily Beebe, Hannah Berg, Annica Brocker, Nathan Buchanan,
Nathan Clifton, Draven Forbes, Jaryd Forbes, Jordan Gould, Josh Gould, Kyle Hill, Nina Hill,
Ashley Krynski, Stephanie Lyskawa, Tighe Maclean, Nick Nielsen, Jordan Olszewski, Sydney Olszewski,
Hope Reyna, Mitchell Salisbury, Kyle Sieben, Amy Beth Simon, Jordan Spratt, Tina Tinkham

Contact Information

2019 First UMC Leadership Team

Linda McLatcher: Chair
Tim Howlett: Finance Chair
Harry Kosmala: Business Manager
Julie Strayer: Pastor Parish Chair
Andrea Kruse: Co-Chair Pastor Parish
Bill Wiza: Chair of Trustees
Tom Baber: Co-Chair of Trustees
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Lois Hill: Lay Member to Annual Conference
Linda Strait: Secretary
Rev. Dan Hart: Lay Nominations Chair
Rev. Alicea Williams: Children and Youth Ministry



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Welcome to First UMC of Mount Clemens, Hart Family!!