

Ferndale Free Methodist Church

June Newsletter

Even though it's not official, in our minds summer is officially here. The school year is coming to an end, temperatures are rising, and we do a mental shift. Thoughts of outdoor life and relaxation fill our minds. It's a good time of the year.

We also make adjustments to our ministry schedule. Our CLC children's ministry goes on hold until fall. Wednesday adult programming goes through some changes. And our Sunday morning Children's Church time is now for kids in first through fourth grades.

Summer allows us to do some fun things together outside. We'll enjoy camping events, cookouts, lawn parties and a host of other things to take advantage of sun and warm weather.

Just a little reminder: Enjoy the opportunities summer weather provides, but as the scripture writer reminds us, "Don't give up the habit of meeting together ..." Keep worship a priority for you and your family. That's the best way to enjoy your summer.

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June Scripture Memory Verse

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Pray for the meeting of the Southern Michigan Annual Conference

Please keep the delegates and Pastors of our Southern Michigan Conference Churches in prayer as they meet June 3 -4 at Spring Arbor to conduct the work of our conference. This is a very important conference and much prayer is needed to deal with some extremely pressing items.

Thank you.



OUR GRADUATES

We have a number of families who are celebrating a graduation at this time of year. We're proud of the hard work each of these persons has shown and pray for the future God has for them. Here are the names of graduates we have received. If you know of other, please let us know in the church office.

From High School:

Bonnie Dyer
Amanda Lawrence
Mari-Kate Page
Ian Seay

From College:

Sharon Powell, Masters from University of Phoenix
Pam Contreras, Oakland Community College

A Safe Haven

Don't ride in automobiles, they cause 20% of all fatal accidents.

Don't stay at home, 17% of all accidents occur there.

Don't walk on the street or sidewalk, 14% of all accidents happen to pedestrians.

Don't travel by air, rail or water: 16% of all accidents happen on these.

However, only 0.001% of all deaths reported occurred in worship services.

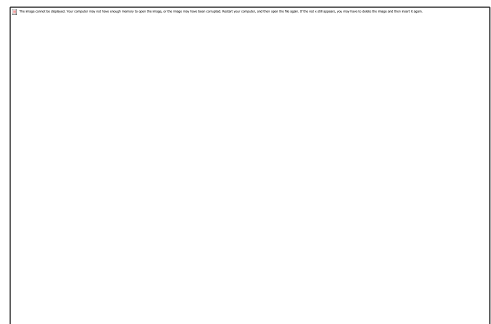
Therefore, the safest place for you to be is in church.

(Shared by Marilyn Guest)

Church Campout Weekend Somerset Beach Campground June 4-6

Our annual spring campout weekend at Somerset Beach Campground is just around the corner. We still have sites and lodge rooms available if you would like to attend.

You'll need to contact the church office (248-541-2224) and speak with Debby. She'll answer any questions you may have and take care of the details for you.



New Worship Dance Ministry

Led by Amanda Schupra

Do you enjoy dancing? Would you enjoy expanding our worship ministry by having a dance performance? Well, now there will be an opportunity for ladies from ages 11 and greater to participate and be introduced to a new step of worshipping our Lord.

Psalm 149:3 says, "Let them praise his name with dancing..." which is what Ferndale Free Methodist would like to incorporate into the worship ministry.

There is no dance experience required, but an interest in learning choreographed dances that will be performed in front of the congregation after six to eight weekly practices. The idea of this new ministry is to explore and learn technical dance moves that will be organized into a dance routine, as if there would be a recital to perform. The dances will be choreographed to a variety of styles of music by Christian artists that the congregation doesn't necessarily sing during morning worship services.

We will have an informational meeting on Monday, June 14th, at 7pm. At the meeting, I will be teaching a few dance moves for others to better understand the idea of the dance. Please join us with lots of energy, and wearing comfortable, loose fit clothing!

Communion Service

Morning Worship @ 10:50

Sunday, June 6

Pastor Leon will be leading our morning worship time on June 6, and this includes celebrating the Lord's Supper. Be sure to be out for this special service as we worship together, are encouraged by Pastor Leon's preaching, and then share communion together. It's a good Sunday to invite someone to attend worship with you as your guest.

Sunday Morning Sermon Series

The Word or The World?



Jesus said some really hard things. Sometimes these sayings pose many challenges for believers. We're going to take time to wrestle with some of Christ's radical statements to determine what it means to put Him on the throne of our life. Then we'll see that when we respond in obedience and faith to His Word, His will, not ours, will be done.

June 13 - The Unforgivable Sin

June 20 - Curse a Tree, Move a Mountain

June 27 - Out With Your Eye

Sunday Evening Schedule

It seems our Sunday Evening study time really gets impacted at this time of year. Here's information about what's ahead for our Sunday Evening Bible Study time.

June 6 - No study, church campout weekend

June 13 - Family Fun Night

June 20 - No study, Father's Day

June 27 - Beatitudes Study continues

July 4 - No study, Independence Day holiday

July 11 - Family Camp

July 18 - Beatitudes study continues

July 25 - Beatitudes study continues

Family Fun Night Sunday, June 13 @ 6:00 pm

Everyone works so hard here at FFMC ... so now it's time to plan a little fun.

We're going to enjoy a cookout and game night on Sunday, June 13. Our games are coming from the popular Minute to Win It program. You'll have a blast watching and competing with people from our church family. It really is going to be a hoot.

We'll supply the hot dogs and hamburgers, you can plan on bringing picnic items to share. (salads, chips, drinks, watermelon, etc.)

If you have any questions gives us a call at the church office at 248.541.2224.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

JesusWalk: Beginning the Journey

We're making some adjustments to our Wednesday evening Bible Study time. Since our CLC ministry is on hiatus until September it doesn't make too much sense to offer our parenting class through the summer on Wednesday evenings. So we're making a change.

Beginning June 9 we're going to explore Jesus Walk: Beginning the Journey. This is a discipleship and spiritual formation program for new and growing believers. The course provides a balance of Christian doctrines, core values, and spiritual disciplines designed to produce strong Christians who continue to grow as committed disciples of Jesus.

We'll use some video content and then enjoy discussing these topics:

1. Rescue - Grace and Forgiveness
2. Disciple - Following Jesus Daily
3. Temptations - Getting Victory over Sin
4. Fellowship - Connecting to a Community of Christians
5. Love - the Core of Christianity
6. Gospel - Understanding Christ's Story
7. Holy Spirit - The Power of God's Presence
8. Witness - Sharing Your Faith
9. Worship - Communing with God
10. Generosity and Service - Love in Action
11. Bible - Guidebook for Living
12. Lord - Obedient Servants of the King

We're still going to try to continue with some of our parenting sessions. As soon as we get the details worked out for these we'll let you know.

Our Packages Are Arriving Operation from the Heart Update

We've received word that the first of the packages sent to our troops have arrived in Iraq and Afghanistan. Here are two emails we've received from soldiers who just received their boxes.

"Hey Schmitty - Received 3 LARGE flat rate boxes in the mail today from the Free Methodist church in MI. They were all loaded with snacks, soaps, baby wipes, and some fine art by done by some talented youngsters.

Give my thanks to them, and thank you OpFTH!" - Gimbel

" Bill, WOW! boxes (4 of them) arrived and some great things in them. I have already shared with some marines that came into Kandahar from a 2 month front line run. They were tickled to get the snacks and stuff. I especially liked a picture drawn by a young lady that says "thanks!~" and has 2 stick figures. One that says YOU and has a gun shooting the other that says THEM. I kept this one and have it hanging on the wall by my cot. Its a great reminder and makes me smile. Thank them for us!" - Matthew Brown