



Mainspring

Join us for worship on Sunday morning as we seek to align our lives with God's purposes.

Traditional Worship
9:30 AM, Sanctuary

Contemporary Worship
11:05 AM, FLC

Live-streamed on
Facebook & Website

Barrier free facilities

Nursery available
9:30 & 11:05

Infant to 4 years
Lakeshore Kids
9:30

K-5th grade

A Note from Pastor Jeff

On a map, the Dead Sea is about four times larger than the Sea of Galilee. By comparison, even Lake St. Clair is larger than the Sea of Galilee. Lake Ontario, the smallest of the Great Lakes, is larger than the Dead Sea. Yet, it is not size that matters here.

The Sea of Galilee is roughly one hundred and eighteen miles north of the Dead Sea. The Sea of Galilee is teeming with fish and plant life. It has sustained the villages and towns around it for millennia. Through the Jordan River, the water of the Sea of Galilee flows south to the Dead Sea.

The Dead Sea is filled with nothing but water and salt. Just over one third of the water's weight is salt and other minerals. In fact, the Dead Sea is almost ten times saltier than any ocean! Nothing lives in the Dead Sea. Nothing can live in the Dead Sea. The Dead Sea doesn't sustain anything in it or around it. The best you can do is float in it. One other thing – the Dead Sea is shrinking. Evaporating.

The difference between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea is not just size and geographic location. There is another thing: The Sea of Galilee "gives." The Dead Sea "takes" and doesn't give. Water doesn't flow from the Dead Sea at all. I wonder what might happen in the future if the water from the Dead Sea were to flow anywhere? If the Dead Sea "gave" some of its water every day? Would it begin to sustain life in a few decades? Scientists believe so.

Yes, things would change. The tourism of using the Dead Sea as a spa would give way to other industries. But, for once, the Dead Sea would be a place of life.

I wonder if there is a parallel between these two bodies of water, and our stewardship of our time, our talents, and our treasures? I wonder if there is a parable here? The Sea of Galilee, teeming with life and sustaining life around it; and the Dead Sea, giving nothing and slowly diminishing.

One writer imagined the stewardship of our lives with a flexi-hose. With a flexi-hose, the diameter of the hose is directly proportionate to the amount of water flowing through it. The flexible wall of the hose expands as more water flows through it.

I wonder if the stewardship of our resources (time, talent, and treasures), is like the water of Israel, and the walls of a flexi hose? I wonder if we give life and our faith is expanded as we align our resources with the ways and values of God?

Next time I swim in Sliver Lake, I'll remember that.

And as always, I am proud to be...

With you on the journey,

Jeffrey L Jagers,
Pastor

United Women In Faith (UWIF)

The July Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1st at 1 pm in the office church Conference Room.

Our next UWIF member meeting on Wednesday July 8th will be a salad & dessert potluck luncheon beginning at 1 PM. After enjoying lunch we will put together 50 school kits as a mission project.

Keep bringing in sewing machines that would like a new home. They will be sent to Midwest Missions for those around the world to use.

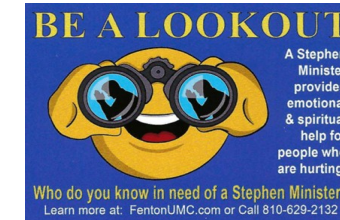
We will not be meeting in August but we will see you again in September.

Diane Panaretos,
UWIF President

Stephen Ministry

Did you know....

That Stephen Ministers, provide grief support for the family by contacting and or visiting them at least four times throughout the year following the death. A key tool that is offered is a series of Journeying Through Grief books that are reassuring and encouraging.



Did you know....

That Stephen Ministry provides stuffed animals to comfort folks, for all ages, who are hurting? These are available to take home for yourself or another loved one. Look for them in the pews and other places around the church.

Did you know....

That Stephen Ministers volunteer to help the "Caring Ministry" with visits or phone calls to the home-bound/shut-ins?

Did you know...

That Stephen Ministry occasionally offers educational opportunities, such as outside speakers or classes, to members and community? Watch for the next offering of the book study, The Gift of Empathy.

Cabins.



Canoeing.



Roller coasters & a waterpark.

Campfires and evening devotions.

Our youth are looking forward to our Summer Adventure Trip as we head to Grand Haven and Michigan's Adventure in early July. Fun is an important part of any youth event, but I'm hoping for something more, too.

When we spend several days together instead of just a couple of hours each week, friendships deepen. Conversations become more meaningful. We begin to know one another beyond the surface.

My hope and prayer is that, around campfires and during our evening devotions, our youth will come to know just how deeply loved they are by God and by this community.

Please keep us in your prayers. Pray for safety as we travel, for joy and togetherness as we make memories, and for moments of peace where God's Spirit can gently remind each young person that they are loved, valued, and never alone.

**Jessica Cece,
Youth & Young Adult Ministries**

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**Wednesdays 6:30 PM, Youth (6th—12th)
Thursdays 6:00 PM, Young Adults (18 & up)
Sundays 9:30 AM**

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Children's Ministry

Summer Fun

Get ready for a summer of fun and fellowship! Join the "Candy Land Adventures" and explore Bible stories with hands-on activities and joyful worship. Each week, we'll visit a new spot on the board for crafting, singing, and storytelling.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)



Let's take a "Road Trip" with God at Vacation Bible School (VBS) from July 20th to 24th, running from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day! This year's program promises to be filled with fun, learning, and community spirit. We invite you to register online at www.fentonumc.com. Your support is also crucial—donations are greatly appreciated and can be contributed by visiting the displays in the Narthex and Truran Hall. Additionally, we are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for various roles such as kitchen helpers, floaters, and youth assistants. Join us in making this VBS a memorable experience for everyone involved!

Movie Night

Join us for an exciting movie night on July 17th where you'll also get an exclusive sneak peek at our VBS! Our last movie night of the summer is on August 21st from 6-8 p.m. Bring a friend along for an evening of entertainment where we'll be serving up 2 slices of pizza, breadsticks, and a refreshing drink. Register online beginning on the 1st of each month.

Kate Glasson, Children's Ministry Coordinator, fumc.kate@gmail.com, 810-632-2132 ext., 164

NURSERY NEWS

Wow! We have wrapped up another wonderful year of Sunday School! Thank you for allowing the FUMC Nursery Team the privilege of caring for your children and sharing Bible stories, faith-filled lessons, and the never-ending love of Jesus Christ. It has truly been a joy to watch your little ones learn, grow, and shine throughout the year!



As we welcome summer, we would like to remind everyone that the FUMC Nursery will continue our annual summer tradition of joining Ms. Kate's group in the FLC Nursery during both Sunday services. This summer, we will be journeying through *Candy Land* with exciting Bible stories, games, arts and crafts, and lots of fellowship and fun. Along the way, we will meet new characters, including Plumy the Plum, and discover how God's love is present at every step of our adventure.

If you know a family who might enjoy joining us, we would love to welcome them! Invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren to join the fun on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or 11:05 a.m.

Be sure to check out Ms. Kate's Children's Ministries section of the *Mainspring* for information on exciting upcoming events, including Vacation Bible School (VBS), Movie Night, and more.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Eversole at FUMC.kareneversole@gmail.com or the FUMC Office at (810) 629-2132.

Wishing you and your family a safe, blessed, and joy-filled summer!

Karen Eversole - FUMC Childcare Coordinator, fumc.kareneversole@gmail.com

Here's a quick early notice for this year's **CROP Hunger Walk**:

When?: October 4th

Where?: Bush Park in Fenton

Lots more info coming your way between now and walk day!

Don Isenberg



Blood Drive Tuesday, July 14th in the Family Life Center

**BLOOD
DRIVE**



Please take just one hour from your busy schedule and help our area patients by donating blood on Tuesday, July 14th (2:30 pm -7 pm) at our Versiti of Michigan blood drive in our comfortable Family Life Center, lower level.



To donate blood: Scan our QR code, contact Versiti Blood Center of Michigan at 1-866-642-5663, or contact our local volunteer, Ellen Pease at 810-265-4224. Volunteer with us: sit at the donor sign in tables for a couple hours. See Ellen Pease if you would like to volunteer.

Prepare: Eat a healthy meal and drink lots of water before your appointment.

Reminder: No aspirin within 24 hours of your donation.

Please share our blood drive information with your friends and family. Ellen will be at both Sunday services on July 5th and 12th with information, flyers and sign-up sheets. Hope. It's in our blood!



"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."
Reaching upward to God
Reaching inward to each other
Reaching outward to our neighbors
So that all can find wholeness in Jesus Christ.

New issues of the Mainspring are released every other month. Submissions are due by the 15th of the month prior to a new issue. If you would like to include an article into our newsletter, please send your request to Kris at fumc.kris@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook!

Our pastor would like to reach out to the members of our congregation who are sick, in the hospital or whose lives are otherwise in upset. Most of the time, hospitals and family members let us know about illness or surgery, but not always. If you know of a member who needs pastoral care, please call the church office. It is better to hear about a need from twenty people than from no one.