



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

I am writing this article before Keri and I leave for a spiritual renewal leave. The United Methodist *Book of Discipline* strongly recommends that a pastor take a four-week spiritual renewal leave every four years. It has been nearly nineteen years since my last one. Last time we went to live in a cabin on a mountain in North Carolina, and I did a lot of work on prayer. This time Keri and I will be going to Great Britain to take a deeper dive into both Celtic spirituality, prayer, reflection and the roots of the Methodist movement.

I come from a family that valued travel. Keri and I have traveled much over the years, and I have come to decide that there is a difference between a tourist and a traveler. For me, a tourist is someone who will visit a place but not invest too much of themselves in that place or the people that live there or the culture in which they live. I have been turned off more times than I can count by American tourists abroad who have insisted that the people of the place where they are visiting change their native and historic practices and values in order to fit American practices or values as if being an American entitles them to demand such accommodations. Tourists, in my mind, tend to come in, take pictures, and leave unaffected by what could have been an enriching experience.

Travelers, on the other hand, are people who invest themselves in the people and culture in the place where they are visiting. Travelers wade at least into the shallow end of the cultural pool; appreciating the values, traditions, rituals, sights, and customs of the surrounding culture. Travelers are enriched by the diversity and differences of different people, different traditions, different worldviews, different foods (you knew that was coming). Travelers go home different people than when they left because they immersed themselves, in some measure, in the people and culture of their travels.

I hope and expect to come back from my spiritual renewal leave changed; different in one way or another in some measure or another. I hope and expect to come back renewed and more centered because of the experiences we will have and the people we will meet and mostly by the grace of God.

This world is not our home. This life is not all there is. Our citizenship is in God's kingdom and in Heaven. We were created and redeemed for eternity. In many ways, we are just passing through. The question is will we be tourists or travelers? Will we remain above and apart from the people and the culture, or will we engage people and culture with respect and love - not to be conformed by the culture, but to engage people and culture with the goal of inviting them into God's kingdom with us?

And, as always, I am proud to be...
With you on the journey,

Jeffrey L Jagers
Pastor



NOW
Available



We are excited to increase our digital ministries through Amplify Media. Amplify Media is a video streaming service from Cokesbury; the United Methodist Publishing House. Amplify features spiritual formation videos for children, youth and adults. We will be using Amplify for at least one, and perhaps two, all-congregation studies between August and December. In addition, we will be using Amplify for at least one adult Bible study.

Your subscription is free! All you need to do is to log on to: www.my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/register
Enter Access Code SFMTZK
Create a Username and Password

That's it! Each time you go to www.amplifymedia.com, click on the person icon in the upper right corner and enter your Username and Password and you're in.

Enjoy this new ministry to help us grow in Christ!

Operation Christmas Child

Joy Circle will be sponsoring the collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. This is when you fill a shoebox with a WOW toy or item, school supplies, grooming items, clothes, etc. These boxes will be sent around the world, spreading the story of salvation through Jesus Christ. Last year, we collected over 97 boxes! More information will be available in the coming months.



From Your Stephen Ministry

One of the most important skills that is taught to the Stephen Minister Trainees is the Art of Listening. Following is a sampling of what is taught in our classes on Listening skills. This can be helpful in all of your relationships as you listen to loved ones as well as friends. Listening opens the door for people to express difficult feelings and helps them know that you truly care. Following are five practical, easy-to-use ways to sharpen your listening skills.

Be Intentional - set aside your instinct to share your own thoughts so you can focus on what the person in front of you is sharing.

Be Attentive - pay attention to what they say but also to what they don't say - their body language, tone of voice, facial expressions and the words they choose.

Be Responsive - maintain eye contact, using nonverbal cues like nodding, and offering brief responses like "Mm-hmm". Also asking questions is a great technique.

Be Non-Judgmental - avoid knee-jerk reactions and stay calm and encouraging.

Be Trustworthy - mention at the beginning and the end of the conversation that you won't share anything the other person tells you.

These five tips will have a big impact on the effectiveness of your listening. Also remember that Stephen Ministers are available should the individual need someone to listen with them on a weekly basis for a while.



Help Us—Help The Children of our Community

August 13—10 AM to 2 PM

sponsored by F.A.R.R. (Fenton Area Resource & Referral)

Help provide FREE Backpacks & School Supplies to Area Families by donating the following items...

Colored Pencils—#2 Pencils—24 pack Crayons—Washable Crayola Markers
Glue (Elmers Bottles) - Spiral Notebooks (1 subject) - Sharpie FINE Point Black Markers
Dry Erase Markers (Low Order) - 2 Pocket Plastic Folders

Please bring all donations to the Narthex or FLC Truran Hall no later than Monday, August 8th.



Dear Fenton UMC,
Thank you for the Amazon gift car. I am looking forward to attending Hope College this fall. I will be involved with the cross country and track team at Hope. Also, I plan to join a Bible study. Enjoy the rest of the summer! Thanks again, Alyson Kelly

Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card. It means a lot to me! I'll make sure it goes to good use while I'm at college! Thank you again! Megan Skaff

Dear Fenton UMC,
Thank you so much for the graduation gift! It means so much to know you're thinking of me! Thank you for your constant love and support. Sincerely, Bella

Free Shredder Day

Tuesday, September 13 from 9-11 AM
Church Portico

We invite you to bring your personal sensitive documents to be shredded on-site.
No items may be brought in prior to the date of the event.




Stacey Highfield
Youth/Young Adult Ministries
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Games, Chats & Snacks
(6-12 grades)
Connect with friends
(old & new), play games, and enjoy
some snacks!

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, FLC Youth Café

Sunday School resumes in September!
Follow us on Instagram @fentonumcyouth



Please watch your emails, texts and social media for our Fall Kick-off, when we'll meet some wonderful "Faces of Faith!"

We're excited for new adventures! Plans for Fall and Winter Retreats are underway!

The picture above is our youth at Spring Hill 2022.



Family Promise

*Serving families in Genesee County
since 2014.*



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Urgent Needs

Household:

- Gas Cards
- Grocery Cards
- Laundry Detergent
- Laundry Baskets
- Towels (new or gently loved)

Personal Care:

- Tooth paste
- Deodorant (m/w)

SAVE THE DATE

Give Me Shelter 5K run/walk

Saturday, August 13

Golf FORE Families

Friday, September 23

for more information or to register scan QR code

Greetings Housing Heros!

Here are this quarter's posters for your churches! As you can see it has our Save the Date events, a QR code for our link tree, and a list of our current needs as a shelter.

We could also use volunteers. We are drowning in intakes, deliveries, case management, and phone calls. We have Thank You cards that we could use help writing, we could use phone calls being made for sponsorships for our golf outing. We could just use your word of mouth about our programs and upcoming events. We have always been in a position where we knew we couldn't help everyone. However, the need is outgrowing our capacity in waves. We have three new case management spaces in Lapeer that we are diligently working on setting up and getting together.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help awareness of Family Promise in your churches and we will do our best to make it happen. I appreciate each and every one of you, and the work you do for your community and for us. Take care and enjoy your summer.

Peace, Love, and Housing,

Tiffani M. Wharry (Ferrier), MSCTE

Executive Director

Family Promise of Genesee County



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Bfaith Summer Kids Program
Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, FLC Lower Level
 Fun-filled evenings of games, service projects, food,
 friends, and God!



Fall Kick-Off: ROLL CALL!
Lakeshore Sundays are back starting September 11
 Bring a friend and be ready to play Bible Trivia.

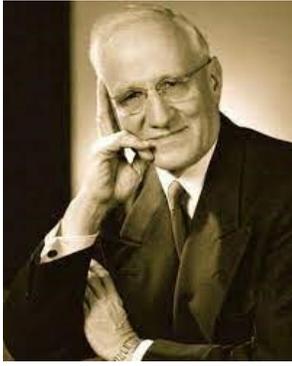
Donations of snacks are needed for our
 Sunday School children.

Favorite snacks are crackers, pretzels &
 cookies in individually wrapped packages.
 Please be mindful of nut allergies.
 Small 8 oz water bottles are also appreciated.

VBS 2022

Thank you to all those who have volunteered and donated items. We had a BLAST!!





“Sundays with Stanley”

August 7–28

I want to introduce you to one of the heroes of my faith: E Stanley Jones. Rev. Jones was a ground-breaking and fruitful Methodist missionary, theologian, and author. He was a confidant to President Franklin Roosevelt, and a personal friend of Mohandas Gandhi. His biography of Gandhi inspired Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am always inspired by Rev. Jones' understanding of what it means to follow Jesus Christ in a pluralistic society; and I think his work, though somewhat dated, is still relevant for us today. I want to share with you some of E Stanley Jones' life, work, and Christian pilgrimage and how we can apply his lessons to our lives today. Join us in person or online during the Sundays of August for "Sundays' with Stanley."



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 Kathy at fumc.kathy@gmail.com.

Find us on Facebook!

“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.

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.

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