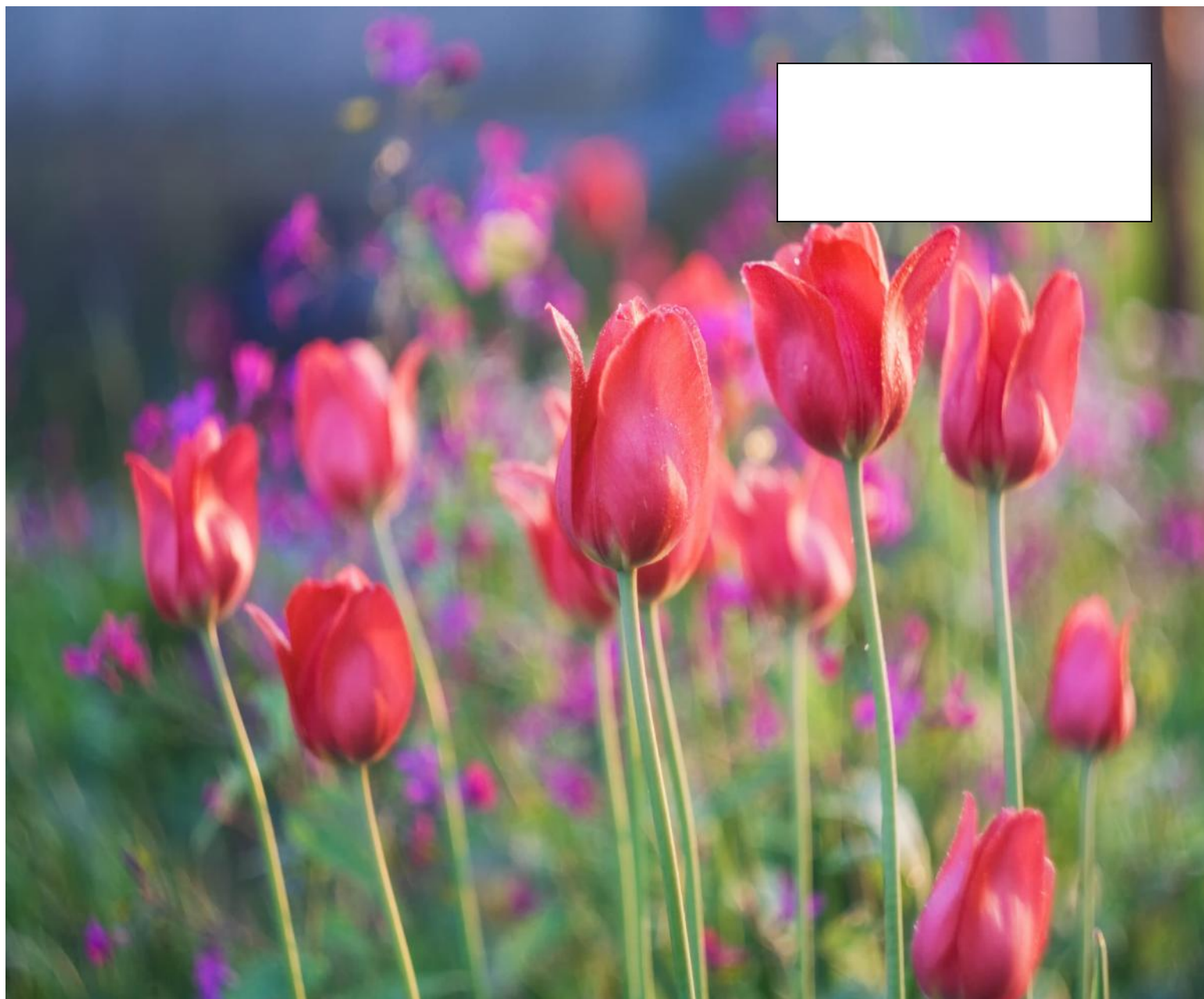


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We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, and is available upon request to our homebound members.

Nursery Care is available upon request.



Church Phone Directory

If you did not receive one and would like a copy, please contact Ramona at the church. trentonfumc@gmail.com or 734-676-2066

Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:

If you have an idea for a ministry or a group that you would like the church to be involved in, please speak to Pastor Heidi, and we'll see what we can do.

Invite someone to worship or Bible study with you, offer to pick them up.

If haven't seen someone in worship lately, give them a call or send a card. Invite a neighbor for coffee and offer to pray with them.

Volunteer for a committee.

Help generate some content for our church's social media platforms:

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [Twitter: @FUMCTrenton](#)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](#)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](#)
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For example, take a picture of something that speaks to you of God and his love and share it on your favorite social media site (be sure to tag our church)

Above all, pray for our church and its people. Pray for our pastor and our ministry. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation and its leaders.



April 26, 2017

Dear First United Methodist Church family, and friends,

It was a pleasure to spend my first Easter with you as your pastor. The church looked beautiful with all the spring flowers of various kinds. Unfortunately, I didn't get a picture of it with all of you, so if you did, please email or text it to me. It was fun to have special trombone music played by Devin Scicluna accompanied by our wonderful organist Jeff Burke. And we also had a beautiful solo sung by our choir director Diane Hiddleson during communion. It was great to see folks in worship that we hadn't seen in a while, and to be able to introduce my own son Michael and his wife Hannah and our granddaughter Caroline. And the Easter sunrise was magnificent! Best of all, it was a time to celebrate that Jesus Christ is risen, raised from the dead by God the Father!

So what is Jesus up to? According to Hebrews 7: 25-29: "Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself." NIV

So Jesus pleads our case with God. He tells the Father that our sins have been covered, washed away by his own blood once we accepted him as our Lord and Savior. And Jesus is always on duty-- loving us, looking out for us, sending us the Holy Spirit to guide and encourage us. I was listening to a preacher on the radio before Easter, and he told a story of a man going on a trip who came to an intersection in the road. There was a dead body, and a living man standing there. The preacher asked: "Who do you think the man asked directions from?" I had to laugh.

Continuation of Pastor's letter

Isn't it great that we have a living Lord that we can talk to in prayer and ask for guidance, and forgiveness.; a Lord we know has our best interests at heart? That's Jesus!

Not only does Jesus have our best interests at heart, he also has a heart for his church, and this church. So let's pray for his guidance and power to be with us. The Sunday after Easter was a special one in the life of First UMC Trenton as I baptized almost 2 year old Elizabeth Grace "Effie" Drysdale, the daughter of Dan and Cory Drysdale, and granddaughter of Pat McCall. Effie was so cute and so seriously focused on what I was doing. I told her I was going to put water on her forehead in a little while, and she said "Don't put my feet in the water!" (Her feet were bare under the baptismal dress that had been made for her out of her mother's wedding dress.)What a joy to welcome her into the body of Christ with so many of her family members in attendance.

It was also our joy that day to recognize the transfer of membership to our church of Maxine Brewer, Mary Anne Voss' sister, and to be able to share the glowing letter of recommendation that Maxine's church in Kentucky sent. Be sure to keep inviting people to worship with you, and reaching out to people in the community with the love and serving hands of Christ.

Margaret Creekmore had a Sunday School class on Easter, and is willing to help us resurrect our Sunday School program. If you would be willing to teach as part of a rotation, please speak to Pastor Heidi. We have tons of curriculum resources; we just need willing teachers. If we want to be able to serve our young families, properly, then we need to do this!!

Margaret and I will be going to the joint meeting of the Detroit and West Michigan Annual Conferences soon in Traverse City, MI. Just in case you haven't heard, your previous pastor Ben Bower will be ordained there on Sunday, June 4th. The ordination service will be from 2-4 p.m. with an ordination reception following. That service is open to anyone interested in attending.

I invite your prayers for Nina Barnesdale, who just lost her husband Norman "Barney" Barnesdale on 4/24. A memorial service for Barney will be held at the church at a date not yet determined. We'll let you know. We will miss Barney. Keep praying for those on our sick list and for our church and nation. See you in worship. Let me know if you have favorite hymns you want to hear, and share any other suggestions/critiques you have that can help me and/or us improve in our ministry to this community!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Heidi



AROUND THE CHURCH

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We gather Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. Bring your suggestions for the next book you would like to study..

Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, and great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner on the first and third Monday's **at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.



CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

5/02 - Melda Neubauer
5/04 - Linda Ward
5/19— Rev. Heidi Reinker
5/20 - Elizabeth Reynolds
5/21 - Sarah Davis
5/24 - Brace Pentoney
5/25 - Derek Prater
5/30 - Lydia Burt
5/31 - Lynn Bonham

JUNE

6/04 - Barbara Wertz
6/08 - Caleb Wynn
6/10 - Presley Roberts
6/12 - Sandra Brewer
6/15 - Tom Roberts
6/16 - Karen Roberts
6/18 - Kenneth Bonham
6/22 - Rosalee Wynn
6/23 - Robert Kampschoer
6/26 - James Leedy
 Joe Wilson

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY

5/07 - Bryan & Wendy Miller (18 yrs)
5/20 - Lee & Jan Wynn (50 yrs)
5/28 - SFC Richard & Janet Wolfe (29yrs)

JUNE

6/03 - Joe & Paulette Wilson (48 yrs)
6/15 - Tom & Suzy Brown
6/19—Stan & Betty Miller (69 years)
6/21 - Jim & Margaret Creekmore (32 yrs)

FLOWERS

MAY

5/03 – Jo Kampschoer

5/14– Jan Wynn; Dorothy Gordon

5/21 – Open

5/28 – Open

JUNE

6/07 - Diane Hiddleston

6/14 – Boyd Arthurs

6/21 - Open

6/28 - Barb Werts (Parents: Alfred & Lunetta)

To order flowers for the altar and organ: Sign up by date on the “flowers chart” near the office, or contact the **Flower Chair of the Month**

May & June: Karen Roberts 734-676-0321



Those who are grieving recent losses.

Please pray for Nina Barnsdale and family as they grieve the loss of her husband Norman Barnsdale, who died Monday, April 24, 2017.

There will be a memorial service at the church, but no arrangements have yet to be made.

PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

MAY

7 - Judy Howells

14 - Melda Neubauer

21 - Betty Miller

24* -Cheryl Miller

31 - Suzy

JUNE

4 - Karen Roberts

11– Betty Lozo

18– Judy Howells

25* Trenton Festival



Financial Notes

First UMC Trenton Financial Notes

We are up to date on paying all our bills. Next month's newsletter will include a more detailed statement of income and expenses through the first half of the year. I just wanted to make a correction to the letter I sent out just before Easter. In it I said my salary would stay the same for 2017. It is the same in that it still represents the absolute minimum salary that can be paid to a pastor of my status as an elder and years of experience in this annual conference, but I had forgotten that the actual amount was \$350 more for 2017 than for 2016. However, pension and health care costs for 2017 will be \$239 lower in 2017 than in 2016. My apologies for that mistake.! Thank you for your continued support of our church. May God bless you!

Pastor Heidi

ESTATE PLANNING AND CHARITABLE GIVING

Presented by Dave Bell,
President of the United Methodist Foundation

Sunday, May 7
6 pm Dinner; 7 pm Program

Wyandotte First United Methodist Church
72 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192
734-282-9222

You are invited to attend a one hour seminar, an Introduction to Estate and Life Gift Planning. Many of your questions about legacy gifts and estate planning basics will be answered. This seminar is for everyone. No product or services will be sold. We are hosting this informative seminar to equip you to be an even better steward of God's gifts in your life.



APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

Many people — including Christians — sometimes end up in serious financial difficulty because they ignore this basic principle from God's Word: God wants us to know the state of our finances. Proverbs 27:23-24 instruct us, "Look after your sheep and cattle as carefully as you can, because wealth is not permanent. Not even nations last forever."

In Old Testament times, livestock were one of the primary measures of a person's wealth. Today, we might be admonished, "Be diligent to know the state of your bank accounts and your possessions." Or as Proverbs 24:3-4 says in a contemporary version, "Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts."

Why is this so important? As managers, we are responsible for what God has entrusted to us. Part of that responsibility includes monitoring the status of our possessions and making wise investments.

One of the best investments we can make is to send deposits to the "Bank of Heaven" by giving to the Lord's work here at First United Methodist Church. When we do that, we are not only exercising good stewardship, but we are also earning God's approval. There's no better return on an investment than that!

As you think about your life today, do you have a good picture of where you are financially? Are you keeping the commitments concerning giving which you have made to God?

Think about it: A dollar spent for lunch lasts about five hours. A dollar spent for a necktie lasts about five weeks. A dollar spent for an automobile lasts about five years. A dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.

Thank you for all that you do in supporting the Christian programs at First United Methodist Church.

Peace be with you,
Cheryl Byrd Finance chair
Ira Neubauer Treasurer



Community Announcements



JUNE 23, 24, 25 2017

The Festival is held in downtown Trenton on Jefferson between Maple and Harrison.

SUMMER FESTIVAL

Please plan to help during the upcoming Trenton Summer Festival on **June 23, 24 & 25**.

We will need leaders and volunteers for the following during the festival:

Used Book Sale; Sanctuary Café; Free cotton candy for kids

We are planning on a similar menu to last year, so we will also need cookie bakers!

All set-up dates and times are to be determined. If you would like to help, watch for sign-up sheets to be on the piano in the lounge. The festival hours are noon-11 p.m. on Friday through Sunday, but we haven't decided on our hours yet. Remember, no pets are allowed at the festival.

JOIN US FOR

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017 | 10 AM - 1PM
KENNEDY RECREATION CENTER, 3101 WEST ROAD, TRENTON

DONATION REQUESTED BASED ON THE AMOUNT TO BE SHREDDED

***On-site shredding of all paper**

Watch your documents get destroyed in seconds and feel good that it will still be recycled. **Please remove bindings before arriving at Shred Day event. Ex: old check covers, 3-ring binders, spiral wiring.*

**Proceeds go toward
future community events**

**Donations appreciated for
Woodhaven-Trenton Animal Shelter**

Sponsored by:

**Trenton Civic
Commission**

Rotary
Club of Trenton



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 1 pm Bible Study/ Healing Service	3 9 am—1 pm Heidi 5-7 pm Baked Potato Fundraiser	4 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	5	6
7 10 am worship “Footsteps of Christ” presentation by Carol Pettitt	8 8 am Breakfast & devotion	9 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	10 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	11 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	12	13 Memorial Service for Norman “Barney” Barnsdale 11 am
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