

The Grapevine

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May Events



Mother's Day
Sunday, May 5



Family Bowling and Pizza
Saturday, May 19



Game Afternoon
Saturday, May 25

Pastor's Paragraphs

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

--John 15:12-13

I have to admit something to you all, these last few months have been a lot of fun for me. And I don't just mean because of the excitement of the Easter season. Or the fact that I got to be a part of a NERF battle and show the Youth Group just how accurate I am with a NERF gun. While I certainly enjoyed all of that, what has really been enjoyable for me has been the meetings and planning I've been a part of with the 200th anniversary celebration committee.

As we have looked at the history, found ways to recognize and celebrate it, and as we gear up for the celebration dates coming up, I have found myself really enjoying it. Hearing the stories, seeing the pictures, realizing how many people have been involved in the life of our church over the past 200 years, it really is an awesome thing.

It is not a stretch to say that there have been thousands of people who have come through our doors. Some have come to worship. Some have come for meals. Some for celebrations, for weddings and baptisms. Some have come to mourn at funerals. And we all know that some have come for the fish! But I also know something else that all those individuals that have come have found, they have found the love of Jesus Christ.

For 200 years the people that have found a home at our church have been doing everything they can to live into Jesus' commandment to love one another. If you have seen the picture board in the fellowship hall you will know that over our 200 years we have met in several different buildings. From the first gatherings in a family barn, to worship held in the shared space at the schoolhouse, to finally our current home at 280 N. Main St. The fact of the matter is that while we have had, and do currently have, some special places to worship, the church has never been about a building or a structure. The church has always been, and will always be the people.

The saints who have gone before us worked hard to lay the foundation. They worshiped, they prayed, they learned, they grew, and they loved. They have given us a rich heritage to learn from, and to continue on.

I know you will join me in thanking the individual's that have worked these past months. They have been through countless boxes and photo albums. They have spent hours researching and working. They have planned to help us remember and celebrate. I hope you will be able to join us for our 200th anniversary celebration weekend on June 15th and 16th. I pray that in this time of celebration we will be able to continue to lean into Jesus' commandment that we love one another as he first loved us. And may we continue to glorify God for another 200 years!

God Bless,
Pastor Devin

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

- 5th Choir
 12th Shara and Jim Lindsay
 19th Sandy Edwards and Linda Eastman
 26th Lorraine & Arvid Martin and Dave & Bev Lee



GREETERS



- 5th Tom and Kathy Callow
 12th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 19th Judy Howard
 26th Deanna Sparks

Thank you for volunteering to greet.
 If you are unable to greet on your
 scheduled date, please arrange for
 a substitute.

USHERS SCHEDULE



- 5th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 12th Brian and Andrew Rosso
 19th Doug and Vicky Posey
 26th Janet Bauer and Kathy Smith

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Seasonal Flowers	Mary Jo Hosler	586-337-2692
College Ministry	Beth Theisen	586-242-0598
Fellowship Hour	Becky Laseke	586-337-1361
Greeters	Gayle Beitel	586-232-3388
Nursery	TBD	
Sound Board	Dave Beskin	586-872-3797
Ushers	Craig Engwall	586-504-6655
Communion	Janet Bauer	586-752-6166

SOUND BOARD



- 5th The Lamb Family
 12th Everett Smith
 19th Claudia Royal
 26th Dave Beskin

Weekly Meetings

Communion Sunday	First Sunday of each month		
Worship On-Line or In-Person	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Fellowship Time	Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Youth Group Meeting	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Youth Room
Kitting and Crochet Group	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	
His Table Community Meal	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Santa's Workshop	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	
UMW Reading Group	Wednesday	12:30 p.m.	
Bible Study	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	

COMMUNION STEWARDS



May 5th

Kathy Smith
 Becky Laseke

RUMC May 2024 Calendar

Wed	1 st	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Sat	4 th	Craft Day	9:00 a.m.
Sun	5 th	Communion Sunday Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	7 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	8 ^h	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Thur	9 th	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat	11 th	Painting with a Twist	
Sun	12 th	Mother's Day	
Tue	14 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	15 th	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Thur	16 th	United Methodist Men	7:00 p.m.
Sun	19 th	Family Bowling	1:00 p.m.
Tue	21 st	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	22 nd	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Sat	25 th	Game Afternoon	3:00 p.m.
Sun	26 th	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Mon	27 th	Memorial Day	
Tue	28 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	29 th	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.



May Needs:

Ramen Noodle Soup
 Tuna Helper
 Pasta Sides
 Saltine Crackers
 Baked Beans
 Canned Kidney Beans
 Canned Chili
 Chili Mix
 Shaving Cream for Men and Women
 Women's Depends – Size Medium
 Laundry Detergent

Just a friendly reminder that we can only accept foods that haven't expired and they must have the expiration date printed on them (otherwise they have to be discarded).

Please no glass bottles or jars.

Standard size products are preferred.

Please bring your donations to Samaritan House, 62324 Van Dyke (between 28 & 29 Mile Roads) in Washington Twp. on Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can contact Samaritan House at (586) 336-9956. You can also bring your selections to church and place them on the shelves outside of the office.



BASKET RAFFLE and SILENT AUCTION



Our 200th anniversary celebration continues with a basket raffle. Local businesses and individuals are donating items and baskets to be raffled at our Saturday, June 15, event.

Baskets will be displayed starting at our kick-off event on May 12th with opportunities to purchase tickets on Sundays and Tuesdays prior to June 15th. Tickets are 10 for \$20 or \$2 individually.

Winning tickets will be drawn at our Saturday event. You do not need to be present to win.

If any individuals or groups are interested in creating or donating a basket or a larger item for the silent auction, we welcome your participation. If you have questions, please reach out to any member of the history committee.

Volunteer Opportunities for His Table

His Table is a weekly meal served free to the community on Tuesday evenings. Our guests not only receive a hot meal, but also a welcoming atmosphere of companionship. We serve about 100 meals each week; about one third of which are delivered and two thirds served in Fellowship Hall. The meals are prepared and served by various churches and businesses in our community.

There are different volunteer roles that are always in need of help, currently we are trying to rebuild our 'Meal Host' roster. Our hope is to have 4-8 hosts that would be responsible for being at the church through the prep, serving and cleaning. The host is really responsible for overseeing the meal, the individual groups do the prep, cooking, serving, and cleanup, but we want to be sure we have a RUMC representative present should any questions or needs arise. There is a checklist to be followed and if interested you could come for a week to get the lay of the land and see what it entails. Our hope is that if we can recruit 4 to 8 hosts (or host teams) that each host would only be responsible for 1 week a month (or every other month if we get enough). We ask that you prayerfully consider this important ministry that has been taking place for 15 years in our community. If you have any questions or are interested in helping you can contact the church office at 586-752-9132.



Romeo United Methodist Church

**Celebrating two centuries
of **faith**, **hope**, and **love**.**

Saturday - June 15th

200th Musical Celebration & Picnic

Noon - Picnic, Games, & Inflatables on the lawn

1 pm - Musical Celebration in Church Sanctuary

2:30 pm - Ice Cream Sundaes and more fun on the lawn

Sunday - June 16th

200th Celebration Worship Service - 10 am

Join us for a special time of worship through song,
prayer, Scripture, and Michigan Conference Bishop

David Alan Bard preaching the day's message.

Meal to follow Worship.

NOTE of APPRECIATION

The history committee is very appreciative of the support we have received from our church family and friends. From purchases of 200th anniversary shirts, Christmas ornaments, attendance at Tacos and Trivia to interest in the upcoming basket raffle, you have been enthusiastic and generous.

All monies raised in our endeavors will be designated for historic preservation of our church to ensure that we may continue to thrive and endure for another 200 years.

More information and events at:
www.romeoumc.com/200th

Game Afternoon

Saturday, May 25, 2024

3:00 - 5:00

Join us for a time of game or card playing.

We'll have some games to play (or bring a favorite of yours),
or just sit around and enjoy each other's company.
Bring some snacks if you'd like.



Family (and single) Bowling

**Sunday, May 19, 2024, 1-3 pm
Summit Entertainment Center
66600 Van Dyke, Washington**

\$15

Includes:

2 hours of bowling

Shoes

Pizza Buffet

Pop

(Pizza Buffet – no bowling \$10.00)

Please sign up by May 12th. Payment needs to be collected before bowling. We need to pay in one lump sum, not individually.



Come join in an afternoon of family fun.



**May
Birthdays**

1st Joseph Zaiglin
2nd Carol Stoner
4th Diane Smiles
5th Jeffery Groomes
Ed Klusendorf
6th Betty Lampton
8th Larry Wiers
9th Annette Perrin
11th Gloria Laverdiere
12th Frank Brown
Audrey Rosso
Aedan Dorton

13th George Jones
14th Jon Corbin
16th Devin Smith
17th Don Bittner
18th Marilyn Simpson
22nd Corinne Lamb
23rd Deanna Sparks
24th Vivienne Kelley
26th Ardith Becker
27th Denise Dillion
Julie Jones-Lau
28th Helen Biggs

Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 3/31/24

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$80,083
Expenses	<u>\$86,645</u>
Surplus	(\$6,562)

2024 Apportionments as of 3/31/24:
\$2,206.80

Romeo UMC needs your Financial Support!

The RUMC tagline has long been “Looking up, Reaching Out, Caring Within”. Those three simple phrases embody the Spirit that lives in our church so well. We look up to God and offer our worship and praise. We reach out to our community and beyond through service and mission. We care within through our prayers and support of one another. However, caring within also has to consider the needs we have within our church and its budget. That is what the Operating fund of the Church is used for. The tithes and offerings given weekly go to the operating fund and cover the day-to-day operations and bills of the church. The Finance Committee meets monthly and keeps an eye on the income and expenses. If you have any questions, you can contact Pastor Devin or Tom Callow, Finance Chair. Thank you for your continued support of RUMC.



TENATIVE FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS FOR 2024

May 19, Sunday 1:00-3:00
 Family bowling/Pizza

May 25 , Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

June 9, Sunday 2:00
 Mini Golf

June 22, Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

July 19-28
 Simpson Park Camp Meetings
 Saturday 20th, 12:00-2:00 Ladies Tea
 Wednesday 24th
 Pizza and camp meeting together

July 20, Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

August 10, Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

August 24, Saturday 6:00-8:00
 Square Dance

September, (TBD)
 Apple Picking

September 21, Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

October 5
 Hayride and bonfire

October 19, Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

November 10, Sunday 3:00-5:00
 Square Dance followed by meal

November 16, Saturday 3:00-5:00
 Game Day

December
 Secret Santas
 Living Nativity

Sign-up Sheets are Available for:

Craft Day – May 4



Painting with a Twist – May 11



Romeo UMC Family of Prayer

May 2024

For Our Church Family:

Vi Abercrombie
Don Adkin
Bob Bachholzky
Larry Back
Elaine Roberson
Jean Corah
Don Bittner

Steve Domke
Nancy Domke
Jim and Judy Larimer
Becky Laseke
Jim Lindsay
Sue Coker

Sue Rhoads-Sidote
Ted Simpson
Beth Theisen
Ed and Carol Verhaeghe
Tina Weeks

For Our Extended Family and Friends

Brian and Shelley Rosso's nephew, Vincent Di Piazza, treatment for cancer
Steve Domke's friend, Rick Kirsch
Kay Nicholson's nephew, Brett, is responding well to treatment for depression and alcoholism, prayers he will stay on this path

Elaine Parr's sister-in-law's brother, Henry Shoot
Jaclyn, sister of Diandra Khoury, entered rehab and working on sobriety
Helen Koss's niece, Kristy Skaggs

For answered prayer updates (remove), or to add a new prayer request, please send an email to office@romeoumc.com.