

The Grapevine

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July Events



Independence Day
Thursday, July 4



Youth Mission Trip
July 7 - 13



Simpson Park Camp
July 19 - 28



Game Afternoon
Saturday, July 20

Pastor's Paragraphs

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

--Matthew 11:28-30

“I will give you rest.” I have to admit something here, after the 200th anniversary celebration weekend these words from Jesus were sounding awfully good. But before I expound on that I do have to take a second to thank everyone who made that weekend's celebration possible. There were so many hands at work in planning, preparing, setting up, serving, participating, and cleaning up that I couldn't possibly try to list them all. But, from the bottom of my heart please accept my most sincere thanks.

I'm willing to bet that I wasn't the only one feeling a little worn out on that Sunday afternoon. A few quiet minutes of rest were definitely on my to-do list for Sunday, and if I'm being honest, a little more rest on Monday was still necessary. And somewhere amidst all my reflections on that celebration my thoughts wandered to those words of Matthew's Gospel that are printed above.

I am certain that all of you know what it is to carry a heavy burden. At some point in your life there has been a time of struggle, or suffering, or strife. The burden upon your shoulders felt heavy, and all you wanted was rest. I think that is why these words of Jesus are so powerful. You see nowhere in these words does Jesus say he is going to take our heavy burdens from us, Jesus only promises that he will give us rest. He encourages us to take his yoke upon our shoulders that we might learn from him. Jesus is telling us to yoke ourselves to him, that he might help us along the way.

Make no mistake about it, we all need time to rest. When we are feeling drained and exhausted and don't know how we can take another step, we need to rest. But after that soul refreshing rest we are also called to something else. We are called to get back to work. We are called to work side by side with Jesus, and when we do the “yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Jesus doesn't ask us to do anything more than we are capable of, and Jesus doesn't ask us to do anything that he isn't willing to do himself. Sometimes that means going into difficult places to do difficult things. Sometimes that means that the burden we are carrying feels heavy across our shoulders. But trust me my friends, Jesus knows what it is to have a heavy burden laid across his shoulders.

I hope you are able to find time for rest and rejuvenation in the days and weeks ahead. Let's face it, summertime in Michigan is about as beautiful of a place as you could hope to be. So I do pray that you find that time of rest. But I also pray that you keep your eyes open, and the Lord's yoke across your shoulders. Listen for his instructions. Feel the pull of where he is leading you. Let us continue to be the church, living out the instructions of our Lord and Savior.

God Bless,
Pastor Devin

JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

- 7th Pam Couture and Linda Eastman
 14th Marilyn & Jim Welser and Becky Laseke
 21st Linda Knight, Becky Laseke and Anna Bonanni
 28th Nita Glover and Mary Jo Hosler



GREETERS



- 7th Larry and Sherlyn Back
 14th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 21st Stella Wheeler and Mary Ann DeForest
 28th Gayle Beitel

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

USHERS SCHEDULE

- 7th Doug and Vicky Posey
 14th Brian and Andrew Rosso
 21st Craig and Judy Engwall
 28th Phil and Louchrisa Schwan



VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Seasonal Flowers	Mary Jo Hosler	586-337-2692
College Ministry	TBD	
Fellowship Hour	Becky Laseke	586-337-1361
Greeters	Kathy Smith	586-
Nursery	TBD	
Sound Board	Dave Beskin	586-872-3797
Ushers	Craig Engwall	586-504-6655
Communion	Janet Bauer	586-752-6166

SOUND BOARD



Dave Beskin will man the sound board for the summer

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
Kitting and Crochet Group	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	
His Table Community Meal	Tuesday	5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Santa's Workshop	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	
UMW Reading Group	Wednesday	12:15 p.m.	

COMMUNION STEWARDS



July 7th

Linda Zimmerman

RUMC July 2024 Calendar

Tue	2 nd	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	3 rd	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Thur	4 th	Independence Day	
Sun	7 th	Communion Sunday Youth Mission Trip Begins	
Tue	9 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	10 th	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Thur	11 th	Finance Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tue	16 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	17 th	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:315p.m.
Sat	20 th	Game Day	3 – 5 pm
Tue	23 rd	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	24 th	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.
Sun	28 th	New Members Class	11:30 a.m.
Tue	30 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	31 st	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.

Prayers for Youth Group



July 7th - 13th a group comprising of students from Romeo UMC and St. John Lutheran will be traveling to Metropolitan United Methodist Church in Detroit to participate in a week at Motown Mission. The group will be doing various projects around the city as well as learning a little about the history of Detroit and where it finds itself today. Please keep all of the group, and it's leaders, in your prayers during this time. Plan to join them on Sunday July 14th as they will be sharing about the experience during worship.

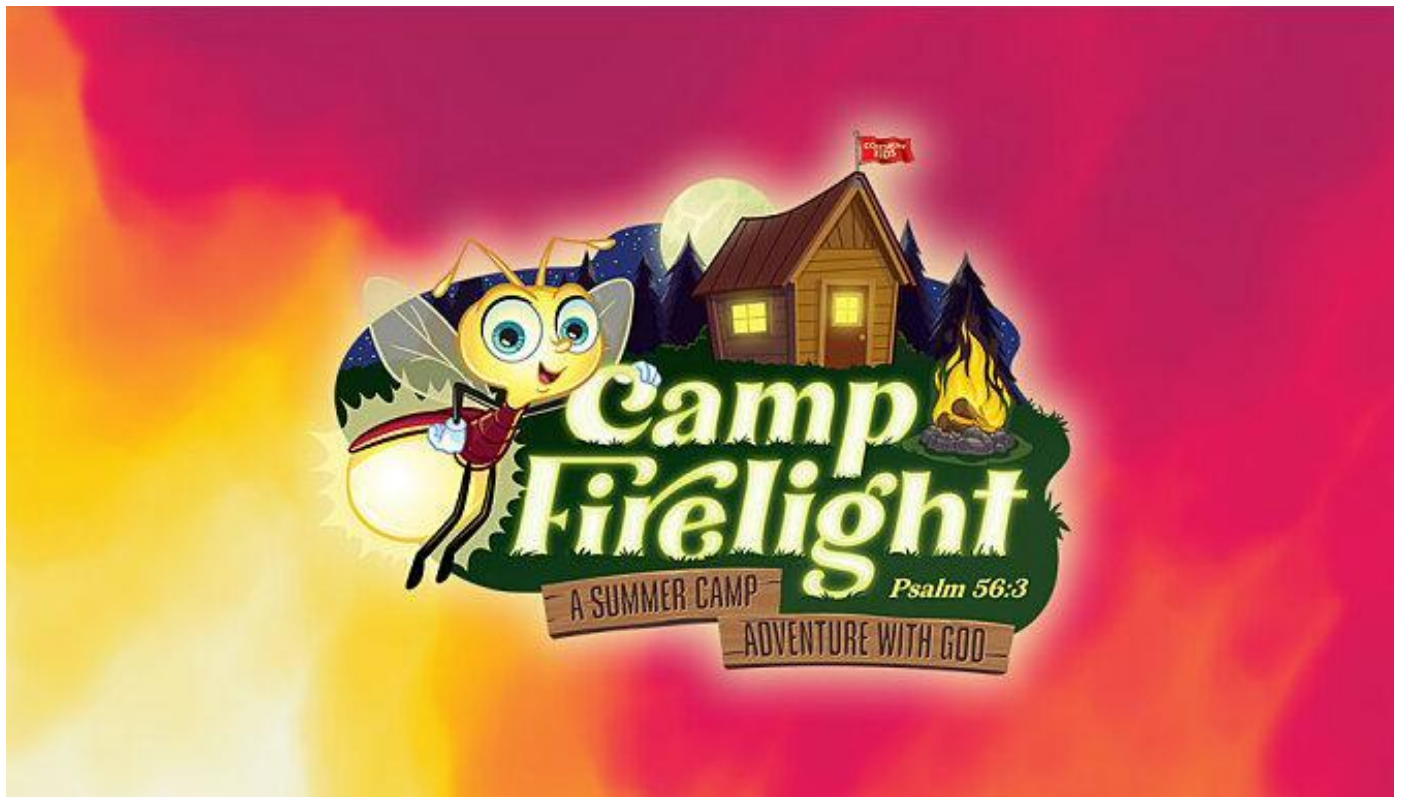
Reminder –

If you use an item at church, such as a broom, dustpan, cleaning supplies, garden hose, scissors, or any other item, please return it from where you found it.

Thank you.

New Member Class

What does it mean to be a member of the church? What does the United Methodist Church believe and hold as the core tenants of the faith? What is the history of Romeo UMC? Am I allowed to become a member of the church? The answer to the final question is YES! As for the answer to the other questions you will have to come to one of our New Member classes to find out. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member of the church is invited to join Pastor Devin for a membership class. The next two dates will be: Sunday July 28th & Sunday November 10th. The meeting will take place in meeting room 107 (the meeting room at the end of the 1st floor hallway). We will start about 11:30, allowing everyone to get a snack and a beverage after service, and the class should last about 1 hour. The following Sunday after the class those who wish will be invited to take the membership vows during the Sunday service and join the church. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office or Pastor.



Vacation Bible School - Camp Firelight - August 5th-8th

Calling all campers in grades Pre - 5 to join us for this year's Vacation Bible School.

Join us for an adventure with Lu the Lightning bug at Camp Firelight.

Who: Children pre K - 5 (older students are welcome to help volunteer)

What: VBS of course!

When: August 5th - 8th --- 9:30am - Noon

Where: Romeo United Methodist Church - 280 N. Main St. Romeo, MI

How: Complete the Registration form found at www.romeoumc.com/vbs2024

Share and Celebrate Your Wedding Date



The church office would like to build our wedding date database. If you would please email with your wedding date to office@romeoumc.com, or drop a note at the office, it would be appreciated. If you want to mention where you were married, that's great too.

thank you

I wish to thank the 200th Anniversary Committee for a job well done. You have spent endless hours preparing and executing some wonderful activities for our celebration. Thank you for all the hard work, it was very much appreciated.

God Bless you all
Sandy Edwards



July 14 altar flowers placed by Louchrisa Schwan in honor of her and Phil's 5th wedding anniversary.

Grapevine express delivery!

If you would like to receive the Grapevine a few days earlier, want to save a tree, or just don't care for more paper around your home, have the Grapevine emailed to you. Let the office know and it will be done.

5 th	Beverly Lee
8 th	Mark Burnette
10 th	Jennifer Teller James Welser
11 th	Marilyn Welser
12 th	George VanHoutte
13 th	Michael Eastman
19 th	Carroll E. Urban
20 th	Doug Demay
22 nd	Joann Higby
23 rd	Dennis Garner
24 th	Jim Morgan
26 th	Vi Ambercrombie Joann Demay Evan Lamb
28 th	Catherine Zimmerman
29 th	Lara Dixon
30 th	Mary Wiers Theresa King
31 st	Hannah Engwall

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Join us for PIZZA and Worship



**Before the Camp Meeting
At Simpson Park
On Wednesday, July 24th
Between 5:30 and 6:00**

**Join us for pizza and we can go together to the Worship Service at 7:00
Please sign up so we know how much pizza to order**

**Find other activities at Simpson Park during the Annual Camp Meeting,
July 19-28 on their website.**



July Needs:

Italian Dressing	Baby Wipes
Pasta Sides	Diapers, Size #1
Canned Kidney Beans	Bladder Control Pads (Poise)
Mustard	Feminine Pads
Sloppy Joe Sauce	Toilet Paper
Tuna	Paper Towels
Oatmeal (Plain)	Laundry Detergent
Jelly	

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.

Game Afternoon

Saturday, July 20, 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.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH



Please join us on Saturday, July 13, 2024 for a very special UWF meeting. We will be touring the Romeo Masonic Temple and learning about its history. Brunch will be offered at 11:00 a.m. at the Temple.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Calling all Golf Sponsors Sponsorships now available



Enjoy a phenomenal day of golf while supporting our community. Proceeds from this event support the Samaritan House mission to serve those in need within our community. contact Kim Dunn @ shevents@att.net or call 586-336-9956.

*Tickets to general public on sale beginning May 1st.



Ladies, mark your calendars for the Simpson Park Camp Ladies Tea & Luncheon!



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Date: Saturday, July 20, 2024
Time: Noon – 2 pm
Location: Main Dining Room (lower level of the Hotel)

Announcing the **Annual Camp Ladies Tea 2024**. *As in past years, the Ladies Tea is a fundraiser for the SPC Historical Committee.* The Tea this year will have all the same wonderful elements enjoyed every year; table hostesses providing beautiful tea setups, a light luncheon, hot & cold tea, some ‘sweet’ touches, along with special music, and a speaker sharing an emotional God-engaging story

A sneak peek at our speaker and her story/message:

Terrilynn Hiben, one of your fellow Annual Camp members, will share with you her personal encounter, when she clearly and audibly heard God’s voice giving her protecting instruction to free her leg from a spinning boat propeller in a tragic boating accident. Being a long-distance runner for 40+ years, Terrilynn now faced an unknown future with the possibility of losing her self-proclaimed identity as a runner. God used the steep climb of recovery to break through Terrilynn’s fear inspiring in her determination, heart, and soul to live out her best earthly life in her “true” identity as a child of God.

The ticket price will remain the same as last year at \$15 (includes girls age 9 and older). **A registration form is available in the office or from Sandy Edwards**

Dress code is “camp casual”, however, *please feel free to model your tea party hats/attire!*

We look forward to sharing this opportunity of gathering together in a safe, God-present environment to receive an inspiring message, music, food and fellowship with all of you! We hope you can set aside time on your calendar for Saturday, July 20, from Noon to 2.



DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT All Ages (RWB Parks and Rec)

Just like the good ol’ days; watch a movie from your car on the outdoor BIG SCREEN. Film will be G-rated for the entire family. Plus, enjoy pre-show entertainment. Movie starts at dusk.

Tuesday, July 23 Park at 7:30pm Gilcher-Crissman Park \$5
NR: \$8

Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 4/30/24

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$108,567
Expenses	<u>\$133,564</u>
Surplus	(\$14,997)

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

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, 15

Apple Picking

September 21, Saturday 3:00-5:00

Game Day

October 5, Saturday 5:00-7:00

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 Saturday the 21st

December 14, Saturday 3:00-5:00

Game Day

Wednesday, December 25

Community Christmas Dinner

December 31, Tuesday, 7:00-9:00

New Year's Eve Game Night

Watch for more details to come

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Devin Smith – Pastor

Worship 10 A.M. Service

Fellowship Time after Service

Nursery care provided

Service broadcast live on YouTube

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