

The Grapevine

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August Events



Vacation Bible School
Monday, August 5 –
Thursday, August 8



Game Afternoon
Saturday, August 10



Square Dance
Saturday, August 24

Pastor's Paragraphs

Psalm 100

All Lands Summoned to Praise God - A Psalm of thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Serve the Lord with gladness;

come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever

and his faithfulness to all generations.

It is no secret that the last few months have been a challenging time for those who are a part of the United Methodist Church. While much has come to a head in the past several months the truth is that these challenges have been present for many, many years. Our denomination's long simmering debate over the inclusion of LGBTQ people has taken up many hours of discussion during meetings across all levels of the church's leadership.

As the General Conference of the United Methodist Church ended in early May there were many reactions. For some the reaction was to celebrate and give thanks. For others it was frustration, sadness, and even anger. Please know that I have felt those range of emotions too. I have appreciated the conversations and the honest and real emotions that many have expressed. It has not been an easy time for our congregation and for others across our country and world.

Pastor's Paragraph Continued on the next page

As difficult of a time as it is that we find ourselves in I am also reminded that this is what makes the church the powerful force it is in the world. I appreciate the wide range of people that make up our church at RUMC and around the world. I appreciate that we can gather together bound by our love of Jesus and worship and serve together. I appreciate that even though I don't see eye-to-eye with people we can still have a mutual respect for one another. We can have conversations, sometimes passionately, and we can try to understand where one another is coming from. We don't have to have these conversations with hopes of "changing" one another, but we can take the time to learn and acknowledge the beliefs and experience that other brothers and sisters in Christ have had.

I do not want to live, or worship, in an echo chamber surrounded by people who think just like I do. We have allowed so many things to divide us in our country. We have taken on an "us vs. them" mentality in so many ways. I want to continue to be a part of a church that allows for differing opinions. I want to be able to come together with people who I know love God and want nothing more than to share that love with others.

Recently one of our members asked me what has changed around the church in the past 3 or 4 months. I'm sure I must have had a puzzled look on my face because then he told me what his answer was. "Nothing," he said. And you know reflecting on that conversation I couldn't agree more. I still see faith, and life, and ministry, and mission, and worship, and fellowship all happening. I see the love of Christ being shared. A church that continues looking up, reaching out, and caring within.

I included the words of Psalm 100 at the start of this letter. At first glance it might seem a bit out of place with the tone of the rest of what I have written. But, I don't think it is. Because even while we have faced challenges I have seen a church that knows how to make a joyful noise to the Lord. A church that serves with gladness. A church that knows the Lord our God, that we are the sheep of his pasture. When we gather it is with thanksgiving in our hearts. And I believe it is because the people of RUMC know that the Lord is good. That God's love is steadfast and it will endure forever.

I am thankful to be a part of the Church of Jesus Christ. I am thankful that it has brought me to Romeo, MI to serve with people who never cease to amaze me with their care, concern, and love for one another. I am thankful to all of you for your support and encouragement of me as I continue to lead and serve with you.

If you have questions or concerns, or if you just need to talk and help process what you are thinking and feeling about this, or any other issues, please know that my door is and will always remain open. Stop by to see me, or I'll come to you. I'll meet you for coffee. I want to continue to hear and learn and know what others are experiencing and going through on their journey of faith.

Hope to see you in worship as we continue to make a joyful noise to the Lord,

Pastor Devin

AUGUST VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

- 4th Rosso Family
 11th Linda Zimmerman and Beth Sova
 18th Phil and Louchrisa Schwan
 25th Carol Bevins and Don Adkins



GREETERS



- 4th Sandy Edwards
 11th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 18th Anna Bonnani
 25th Sue Rhoads

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

USHERS SCHEDULE

- 4th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 11th Kathy Smith and Janet Bauer
 18th Doug and Vicky Posey
 25th Becky Laseke and Linda Eastman



VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

Seasonal Flowers	Mary Jo Hosler	586-337-2692
College Ministry	TBD	
Fellowship Hour	Becky Laseke	586-337-1361
Greeters	Gayle Beitel	248-981-3653
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	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
Santa's Workshop	Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	

COMMUNION STEWARDS



August 4

Janet Bauer
 Mary Ann DeForest

RUMC August 2024 Calendar

Sun	4 th	Communion Sunday	
Mon	5 th	Vacation Bible School Begins	9:30 a.m.
Tue	6 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	7 th	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	8 th	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat	10 th	Game Day	3:00 p.m.
Tue	13 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	14 th	Santa's Workshop United Methodist Men Group	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tue	20 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	21 st	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Sat	24 th	Square Dance	6:00 p.m.
Tue	27 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	28 th	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.

Square Dance

Live Lively -



Square Dance

**Saturday, August 24,
2024**

6:00-8:00

**Outdoors, weather
permitting**

Come enjoy an evening of
Square Dancing.

Get your exercise. No
experience needed. All ages
welcome.

Please sign up.

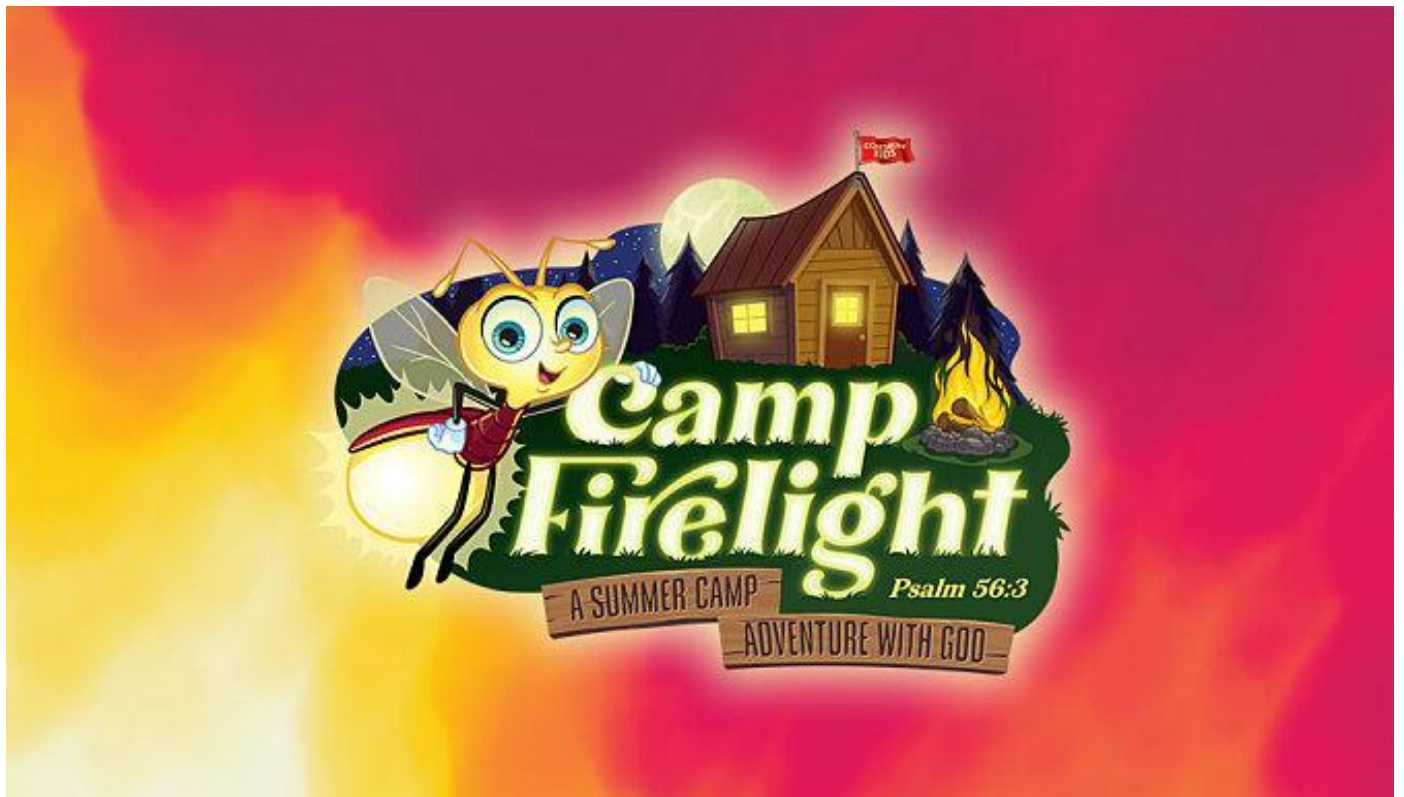
UMM Group Invite You to Season Playoff Game #2 at Jimmy John's Field!

September 6, first pitch at 6:30 pm



Tickets are \$12.00 each (check or cash preferred), please get your money to Larry Back by September 1. Sign up is in church lobby outside Fellowship Hall. Larry will have tickets to distribute at the ticket booth area at 6:00 p.m. on game day. UMM Group will cover the cost for the kids under age 12.

Stay after the game for the Fireworks Spectacular Show



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

Game Afternoon

Saturday, August 10

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 a snack if you would like to.

CRAFTERS NEEDED



Christmas Craft Show and Rummage Sale,
Saturday, November 23,

9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Space \$30.

For further info call Becky 586/337-1361.



Have a garden or some greenery in your yard?

This time of year, God graces us with many colorful flora and greenery. If you have some in your yard, and would you like to share them, we would enjoy seeing them as altar bouquets. Sign up on the altar flower sheet and indicate "bringing mine".

Call the office if you have questions about the details.

Thank you

August Birthdays

2 nd	Chris Bennett
	Connie Zemke
3 rd	Linda Eastman
4 th	Susan Kosut
6 th	Gwen Beskin
7 th	Spencer Lamb
9 th	Jessica Sevenser
	Bob Stoner
10 th	Denise Smith
12 th	Anna Bonanni
16 th	Linda Zimmerman
17 th	Steve Domke
	Tim Sova
18 th	Lisa Faris
22 nd	Ann Heller
	Linda Knight-Kimery
23 rd	Jean Sutherby
24 th	Christina Weeks
26 th	Shara Lindsay
	Nicholas Wiers
28 th	Josh Sova
29 th	Katrina Roy

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August Needs:

Pasta Sides	Ketchup
Canned Baked Beans	Mustard
Canned Kidney Beans	Spaghettios
Canned Peas	Vegetable Soup
Canned Beets	Ramen Noodle Soup
Tuna Helper	Feminine Pads
Oatmeal (Plain)	Laundry Detergent
	Depends – Men's & Women's – Small & Medium



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.



Turning Point



One of the missions of that United Women in Faith support is Turning Point, a shelter for women and children who are facing domestic violence or abuse. Recently, the shelter's needs have increased dramatically.

UWF is asking our church family to help us in meeting these needs. In the coming months, we will be asking for a needed item that the shelter has requested. Please consider joining us in supporting this very important mission.

More information will follow each month. Please read the RUMC weekly emails and The Grapevine for further details.

August Turning Point Need

Paper Towels are this month's needed item. If you would like to help, please place your contribution in the Turning Point bin across from the office.

Thanks for your support.



Caring from Within

The friends and family of RUMC pray God's peace be with Judy Larimer and family. Jim Larimer passed away July 22, 2024. You are in our prayers.



Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 6/30/24

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$165,588
Expenses	<u>\$179,775</u>
Surplus	(\$14,187)

2024 Apportionments as of 6/30/24: **\$4,414**

Romeo UMC needs your Financial Support!

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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



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

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