

# *The Grapevine*

## *February 2025*

### February Events



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Chili Cook-off, Talent Show and Dessert  
Competition  
Sunday, February 2



Game Afternoon  
Saturday, February 8



Souper Sunday  
Sunday, February 9



Valentine's Day  
February 14



YAHA Brunch  
Monday, February 17

<sup>10b</sup> Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

--Luke 5:10b-11

As I sit and write this the outdoor temperature is hovering right around 4 degrees. The forecast of the next few days promises to see that number drop even lower, including into the negative number range. On days such as these my first instinct is to want to do absolutely nothing. The warmest, fuzziest sweatpants and sweatshirt, maybe a pot of chili on the stove, a blanket & book are all needed, and under no circumstance do I want to open the door for any reason! That would certainly be my ideal way to spend these frigid days when they come around.

I actually laughed out loud when I was preparing this article and read the selection of Scripture from Luke 5 with Jesus and the fisherman. I envisioned Jesus doing this miracle in the middle of February on a northern Michigan lake. It wouldn't have involved a boat at all, but rather maybe Jesus would have made a hole appear in the ice and had the fish jumping out of that hole and into the Disciples fishing shanty. But then I remembered what might be the most important part of the story.

Jesus didn't just walk up to the Disciples and shake his fist in the air and make fish appear in their nets. Rather, as he approached the seashore we are told that those would be Disciples were cleaning their nets. After a long night of fishing and coming up empty handed they were probably in a pretty sour mood, dejected over the fact they had nothing to sell to the market that morning. But here is the key, as Jesus approached them what did he say? Jesus told them, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." I am certain that was about the last thing they wanted to do. They were done, fried from a night's work that had left them with nothing to show for it. And after voicing this concern to Jesus, Simon Peter delivers the first of many statements that are lessons for all of us, "Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

Throughout our lives there are going to be plenty of times we don't want to do something. Be it because of the weather, or we are tired, or it is too hard, or we aren't good at that. If we want, we can always find a reason not to do the thing we know we should be doing. And that thing, our mission, our marching orders that came from Jesus is the same thing he told the Disciples after that miraculous catch, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."

Our work in the church doesn't stop when the weather turns cold and we would rather hunker down. It doesn't stop as things thaw out and the flowers start budding and vacations are calling to us. Our calling exists in any and all times and places that we find ourselves. My hope for all of us as we trudge through these cold wintry months is that we do not lose sight of our mission and purpose. That we continue to go fishing (even if it is through the ice!), that we continue to look for opportunities to serve and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

God Bless and Stay Warm!

Pastor Devin

# FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



2<sup>nd</sup> Beth Sova and Linda Zimmerman  
 9<sup>th</sup> Marilyn & Jim Welser and Becky Laseke  
 16<sup>th</sup> Nita Glover and Mary Jo Hosler  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Sherlyn and Larry Back

## GREETERS



2<sup>nd</sup> Jim and Marilyn Welser  
 9<sup>th</sup> Guy and Julie Jones-Lau  
 16<sup>th</sup> Gayle Beitel  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Kathy Smith

## USHERS SCHEDULE



2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Eastman and Becky Laseke  
 9<sup>th</sup> Phil and Louchrisa Schwan  
 16<sup>th</sup> Craig and Judy Engwall  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Janet Bauer and Kathy Smith

## COUNTING ASSISTANT



2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Schwan  
 9<sup>th</sup> Nita Glover  
 16<sup>th</sup> Pat Zimmerman  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Jen Ricketts

## 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



2<sup>nd</sup> Rosso Family  
 9<sup>th</sup> Laurie Bennett  
 16<sup>th</sup> Everett Smith  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Eric Gooch

## Weekly Meetings

	First Sunday of each month	
Communion Sunday	Sunday 10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary
Worship On-Line or In-Person	Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Time	Sunday 2:00 p.m.	Youth Room
Youth Group Meeting	Tuesday 1:00 p.m.	
Kitting and Crochet Group	Tuesday 5:15 p.m.	Fellowship Hall
His Table Community Meal	Wednesday 10:00 a.m.	
Santa's Workshop	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 12:30 p.m.	
UMW Reading Group		

## COMMUNION STEWARDS



**February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Louchrisa and Phil Schwan

## RUMC February 2025 Calendar

Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Communion Sunday Youth Group Chili Cookoff / Talent Show / Dessert Competition	2:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
Tue	4 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Sat	8 <sup>th</sup>	Game Afternoon	4:00 p.m.
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	12 <sup>h</sup>	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	13 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Fri	14 <sup>th</sup>	Valentines Day	
Mon	17 <sup>th</sup>	YAHA Brunch	11:00 a.m.
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	19 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	20 <sup>th</sup>	United Methodist Men Group	7:00 p.m.
Sun	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup>	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.

### Attention: United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men Group Meeting scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> will be discussing the plans and menu for the group serving His Table on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Please attend if possible.



Brrrrrrrr  
Stay Warm

## Inclement Weather Policy

Seeing as it is that time of year we wanted to make everyone aware of what our policy is for inclement weather:

For Sunday morning services the church will be open for worship. Seeing as I am blessed to have a short walk to the church I will be here regardless of what the weather does. I do recognize that not everyone has such an easy trip so I encourage everyone to make the best and safest decision for themselves on those days and if need be make use of our Online Worship option.

For all other events during the week (e.g. His Table, Bible Studies, other groups) we will follow the Romeo Schools lead, if school has been canceled for the day then we will not have our events either. We will make every effort to send out an email and post a message to our website ([romeoumc.com](http://romeoumc.com)) and Facebook page in the event of a cancellation but again I urge you to use your best judgement for what is safe for you and your family. Stay safe and warm.



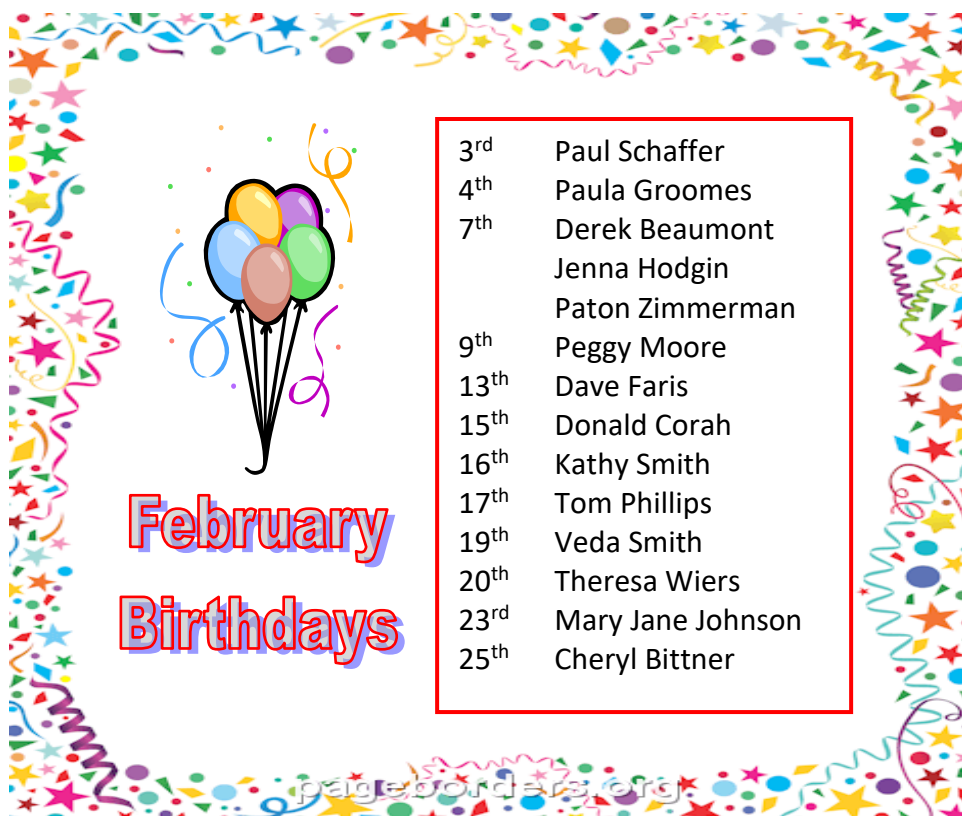
*Wishing you a life of joy. May your love story never have an end.*

*Kim and Jen Lamb, February 18 - 19 years*

## Welcome to our New Members



We were excited to welcome the two newest members RUMC on January 26th during worship. Mike and Mary Senkowski took the vows of membership and have become members, please take the opportunity to welcome them when you have the chance.



*Happy*  
**VALENTINE'S**  
DAY



## Game Afternoon

Saturday, February 8

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.

## SOUPER SUNDAY



Do you want to spend a cozy Sunday watching the Super Bowl...or a movie?

If so, forget cooking. Instead, pick up a carton or two of homemade soup after service on Sunday, February 9, 2025. A sixteen ounce container is priced at \$10.00. Flavors will be listed on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

Profits from Souper Sunday, sponsored by United Women in Faith, will be used for needed church repairs.

## TENATIVE FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS FOR 2025

### Game Days – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 3-5

February 8, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
February 9, Sunday 5:00-7:30	Chili Cook Off/Talent Show/Dessert Competition
March 8, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
April 12, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
May 4, Sunday 1:00-3:00	Bowling
May 10, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
June 8, Sunday 2:00	Mini Golf
June 14, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
July 12, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
July	Simpson Park Meetings
July	Pizza and camp meeting together
August 9, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
September 13, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
September 14, Sunday	Apple Picking
October 4, Saturday 5:00-7:00	Hayride and bonfire
October 11, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
November 8, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
December 13, Saturday 3:00-5:00	Game Day
December 20, Saturday	Living Nativity
December 25, Thursday 12:00	Christmas Dinner
December 31, Wednesday 7:00-9:00	New Year's Eve Game Night

## Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 12/31/24

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$332,754
Expenses	<u>\$351,742</u>
Deficit	(\$18,988)

2024 Apportionments unpaid as of 12/31/24: **\$0**

### 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

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Thank you for your continued support of RUMC.



## Come Celebrate



### YAHA PARTY

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

**11:00-1:00**

Refresh your President knowledge  
and join us for brunch  
and some President activities  
Please sign up so we know how  
many to plan for

### Samaritan House 14th Annual Pasta & Chicken Dinner

**TICKETS AVAILABLE  
UNTIL FEBRUARY 14th**

**Tickets**

**\$50.00**

\*Tables of 10 available

Wednesday,  
February 26, 2025  
5pm-9pm

The Palazzo Grande  
Shelby Township

Please join us for a fun filled evening that includes  
dinner, entertainment and great company!

For tickets or sponsorship info. contact  
Kim at [shevents@att.net](mailto:shevents@att.net) or call 586-336-9956.  
[www.samaritanhousemichigan.org](http://www.samaritanhousemichigan.org)



## Chili Cook Off/Talent Show/Dessert Competition

### **\*NOTE DATE CHANGE**

It's that time of year to start practicing your talent and to dig out your favorite chili and/or dessert recipe. On Sunday, **February 2<sup>nd</sup>** will be the annual Chili Cook Off/Talent Show/Dessert Competition evening. We will start tasting the chili at 5:00 and then move on at 6:00 to the Talent Show. The evening will conclude at 7:00 with the dessert competition. Come share your talent, prepare your chili and/or dessert, or just come enjoy. Bring 6 quarters (or we will make change) to vote for your top three choices of chili. We will have a panel of 3-5 judges (let me know if you are interested in being one) to pick the top three desserts. You will be able to try the desserts after the Talent Show. Sign up at Church or call the office. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Edwards. If you can help, let me know.



#### **February Needs:**

Peanut Butter	Canned Ravioli	Ketchup
Canned Beets	Spaghettios	Vegetable Soup
Canned Peas	Cheez-it Crackers	Tomato Soup
Canned Spinach	Egg Noodles	Sloppy Joe Sauce
Ranch Dressing	Italian Dressing	Canned Kidney Beans
Graham Crackers	Toilet Paper	Paper Towel

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.

We appreciate any non-perishable food items and toiletries that you can donate. THANK YOU!

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.





As this cold holds on, Romeo Open Handed wanted to share a reminder that we're available to families in need within our community. We are stocked up on winter clothing or outdoor gear!

❄️ Request a shopping appointment by messaging our fb page or on our website, [romeoopenhanded.org](http://romeoopenhanded.org)

❄️ Families do not need to live in Romeo to shop, and there is no cost to families.



## Romeo UMC Family of Prayer

February 2025

### For Our Church Family:

Vi Abercrombie  
Bob Bachholzky  
Elaine Roberson  
Jean Corah

Sue Rhoads-Sidote  
Ted Simpson  
Family of Ardith Becker as they mourn her loss

Elaine Roberson  
Jean Corah  
Family of Beth Theisen as they mourn her loss

### For Our Extended Family and Friends

Kay Nicholson's nephew, Brett, is responding well to treatment for depression and alcoholism, prayers he will stay on this path

Steve Domke's friend, Rick Kirsch

Elaine Parr's sister-in-law's brother, Henry Shoot

Jaclyn, sister of Diandra Khoury, entered rehab and working on sobriety

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

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**Worship 10 A.M. Service**  
**Fellowship Time after Service**  
Nursery care provided  
Service broadcast live on YouTube  
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