

The Grapevine

May 2025

May Events



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Family Bowling
Sunday, May 4



Mother's Day
Sunday, May 11



Game Afternoon
Saturday, May 10



Memorial Day
Monday, May 26

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

--Acts 1:8

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

I hope this letter finds you well as we continue to bask in the glow of Easter, celebrating the victory of our Risen Lord! The Easter season, or Eastertide, isn't just about one Sunday morning; it's a whole season (50 days!) focused on the reality of the resurrection and what it means for our daily lives. It is in this season that we are invited to ask; How do we live as "Easter people" right here in Romeo, Michigan?

This month, our post resurrection journey takes us through stories of the early church, witnessing how the first disciples and early believers grappled with the resurrection and began to share the Good News. We see their transformation from fear to boldness, a change empowered by their encounters with the Risen Christ and the promise of the Holy Spirit.

As we move towards Pentecost Sunday (June 8th), I pray that we can all open ourselves to the fresh wind and movement of the Spirit. How is God calling us, both individually and as the Romeo UMC community of faith, to be His witnesses today? Whatever awaits us, let us embrace the grace and new life we have in Christ and look for ways to share His love, hope, and peace with the world around us.

May we, like the disciples, be found faithful, living out the hope of the resurrection each day.

Blessings,

Pastor Devin

MAY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE



4th Sandy Edwards and Gayle Beitel
 11th Jim & Marilyn Welser and Becky Laseke
 18th Linda Eastman and Linda Knight
 25th Louchrisa & Phil Schwan and Kathy Smith

GREETERS



4th Tom and Kathy Callow
 11th Guy and Julie Jones-Lau
 18th Judy Howard
 25th Kathy Smith

USHERS SCHEDULE



4th Brian and Andrew Rosso
 11th Craig and Judy Engwall
 18th Janet Bauer and Kathy Smith
 25th Phil and Louchrisa Schwan

COUNTING ASSISTANT

4th Nita Glover
 11th Pat Zimmerman
 18th Jen Ricketts
 25th 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

4th Eric Gooch
 11th Lamb Family
 18th Rosso Family
 25th Laurie Bennett



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 st Wednesday 12:30 p.m.	
UMW Reading Group		

COMMUNION STEWARDS



May 4

Janet Bauer
 Kathy Smith

RUMC May 2025 Calendar

Sun	4 th	Communion Sunday Family Bowling	1:00 p.m.
Tue	6 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	7 th	Santa's Workshop Women of Faith Reading Group	10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
Thur	8 th	Finance Committee Meeting Church Council Meeting	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sat	10 th	Game Afternoon	3:00 p.m.
Sun	11 th	Mother's Day Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Mon	12 th	Rock, Paper, Scissors	1:00 p.m.
Tue	13 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	14 th	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Thur	15 th	United Methodist Men Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sun	18 th	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Tue	20 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	21 st	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.
Sun	25 th	Youth Group	2:00 p.m.
Mon	26 th	Memorial Day	
Tue	27 th	Hooks and Needles Group	1:00 p.m.
Wed	28 th	Santa's Workshop	10:00 a.m.



REQUESTS TO BE LIFTED UP IN PRAYER

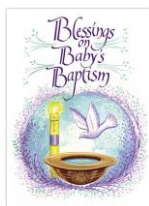
Sue Rhoads-Sidote

Nancy Domke and Extended Family
Keith

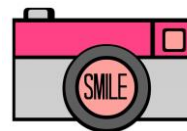
Paul and Cindy Schaffer and Family
Matthew Z and Family



Congratulations!



We join proud parents RJ and Kayla Mauldin on the Baptism of their daughter, Ellie. Please join us in living into our commitment to pray for our newest baptized member as she grows and learns of Christ's love for her.



**Come one,
come all!**

There is still time to be included in the new Church Directory. Pat Zimmerman will be in the church library after service on May 4 to take your picture.

TURNING POINT MONTHLY REQUEST



May	Plastic utensils
June	Diapers – all sizes
July	Paper towels
August	Napkins
September	Feminine products
October	30 gallon trash bags
November	Paper plates – dinner size
December	Plastic utensils

Game Afternoon

Saturday, May 10th

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.

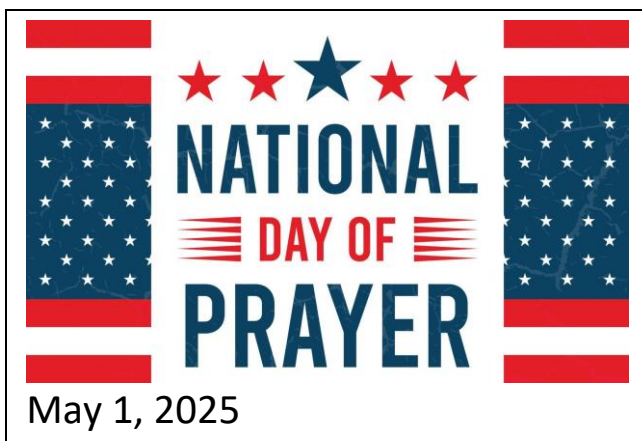
May Birthdays

1 st	Joseph Zaiglin
2 nd	Carol Stoner
4 th	Diane Smiles
5 th	Jeffery Groomes
6 th	Betty Lampton
8 th	Lanny Wiers
9 th	Annette Perrin
11 th	Gloria Laverdiere
12 th	Frank Brown
	Audrey Rosso
14 th	Diandra Khoury
16 th	Devin Smith
17 th	Don Bittner
18 th	Marilyn Simpson
22 nd	Corinne Lamb
23 rd	Deanna Sparks
27 th	Julia Jones-Lau
	Denise Dillon
28 th	Helen Biggs



We are celebrating a very special birthday this month. Frank Brown will be turning 100 years old on May 12th.

If you would like to give him a card, please bring it to church on May 11th. We will be doing something special in his honor during Fellowship Hour.



May 11 altar flowers
are placed by Dave and
Lisa Faris in honor of
their 35th Wedding
Anniversary.



David and Lisa Faris May 12, 1990
Michael and Theresa Wiers May 12, 2001
Jeffery and Paula Groomes May 13, 1978
Craig and Judy Engwall May 23, 1987
Brian and Shelley Rosso May 25, 1996



United Methodist Michigan General Conference will be collecting Personal Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission and UMCOR. Pastor Devin will collect and deliver the kits when he attends the conference May 29. The Women's Group is making the cloth bags to hold the supplies and will be packing the bags. Please donate what supplies you can from the following lists. A bin will be outside the office for collection.

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

- 1 Hand towel – no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth – no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush – no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap – 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo – 12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz (stick, roll on, or pump)
- 1 Lotion – 8-10 oz
- 1 One gallon resealable plastic bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag.
\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag.

FEMININE HYGIENE KIT

- 1 Hand towel – no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth – no dishcloths
- 1 Bar soap – 3-4 oz
- 3 pairs underwear – sizes: child 10-14, women 5-8
- 6 Day pads
- 3 Night pads
- 1 Drawstring carrying bag
- 1 Waterproof bag
- 1 one-handed cloth bag

Place all items in the cloth bag.

Family (and single) Bowling

**Sunday, May 4, 2025, 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 April 27th. 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.



TENATIVE FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS FOR 2025

Game Days – 2nd Saturday 3-5

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

FISH FRY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for camp scholarships will be going out soon. All students that are eligible to apply are encouraged to do so to get a scholarship to cover a summer camp or mission trip experience. The total amount per scholarship is not set yet, but the hope is that the \$250 offered last year will be available this year also. This is a good portion of the total cost for each student's mission trip fees. Please contact Pastor Devin if you have any further questions.



May Needs:

Canned Beets	Cereal
Canned Peas	Pancake Mix
Sloppy Joe Sauce	Pancake Syrup
Baked Beans	Jelly
Canned Black Beans	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.

Financial Snapshot of the Operating Fund as of 3/31/25

	<u>Actual</u>
Income	\$80,091
Expenses	<u>\$91,404</u>
Deficit	(\$11,313)

2024 Apportionments unpaid as of 3/31/25:
\$2,192

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.



Calling all Sponsors....

Please consider becoming a sponsor.

Samaritan House

27th Annual Golf Outing benefiting food insecure families in our community.

Sponsors get first opportunity to purchase tickets.*

*Foursome tickets go on sale to the public on May 2, 2025

SAMARITAN HOUSE

27th

ANNUAL GOLF

OUTING

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025

Greystone Golf Club

For Sponsorship Information contact Kim or Shelley at (586) 336-9956 shevents@att.net

Registration 7:45 a.m. Shot Gun Start 9:00 a.m.

Youth Group Mission Trip

If you missed it in your email the plans are in place for this year's Mission Trip. We will be going to Lake Louise to be a part of the Boyne Country Service Project. We will depart on July 6 and return on July 11. There is a form to complete to reserve your spot and make the deposit. It should be in your email or if you need it sent again let Pastor Devin know.

Confirmation Class

All students in Grades 6 and up are welcome to join Pastor Devin for this year's confirmation class. The planned class days are May 4, May 18, May 25 (skipping the 11th for Mother's Day). We will meet from 12:30 to 1:45 as this will allow all who wish to participate to come, and those who want to stay for Youth Group starting at 2. For those students who then wish to take the vows of membership and become members we will do so during worship on Sunday June 8. If you have questions or plan to participate let Pastor Devin know.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 2025 CALENDAR

May 13	His Table
June 3	UWF Board Meeting
June 7	UWF General Meeting – Fellowship Hall
June 13	Garage Sale - RUMC
June 14	Strawberry Social - RUMC
June 23	Blood Drive – RUMC
July 8	His Table – RUMC
August 9	MOM2MOM Sale – RUMC
September 9	UWF Board Meeting
September 13	UWF General Meeting – Fellowship Hall
September 15	Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall
September 26	Pasta Dinner – Fellowship Hall
October 25	UWF East Winds District Annual Meeting
October 28	His Table – Fellowship Hall
November 22	18 th Annual Christmas Craft Show and Rummage Sale
December 1	Blood Drive – Fellowship Hall
December 5	Advent Tea – Fellowship Hall

****Note –**

1. Birthday lunches are the second Thursday of every month at 12:00 at Four Corners. Please consider joining us.
2. Santa's Workshop is held every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please consider joining us.