



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

—MICAH 6:8



... and you... ..

**I was...and You...** “Then the King will say, ‘I’m telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40)

Throughout the season of Lent, we’ll be sharing a devotion for the week each Sunday, with a bulletin insert and by email. These devotions will include a story of folks who know what it is like to be hungry, without clean water, or in prison. We’ll sit with the passage in Matthew 25 as we reflect using questions from the

traditional monastic practice, Lectio Divina. Each devotion wraps up with an invitation to pray and respond. Our first invitation to respond is through our work of feeding 80-100 people each Monday, Thursday, and Friday for the next six weeks. You can find opportunities to bring items [here](#). Look for the green button that says “Sign Up” to find openings that still need volunteers. Please also make sure to pick up a candle from the ministry station to hold space for your devotions this Lenten season. Questions? Connect with a member of the Here Anchor Team: Mary Davis, Tom Gebhardt, Sue Ellen Glover, Carolyn Grapentine, Amanda Shutko, or Xan Morgan.

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**Membership Matters!** Membership is about responding to God's call to take the next step in your spiritual journey, and to belong to a community of people who are striving together to do the work of God's limitless love with purpose and passion. By becoming a member of First Baptist Church, you are making a commitment to partner with us as we seek together to claim, cultivate, and proclaim the good news of God's love for our world. Your commitment will make a positive difference in your life, in the life of this church, and in the world around us. How do I become a member? That's a great question, and we're glad you asked! **Join us on Sunday, March 1st at 9:00a** to learn more about membership at FBCA2! We'll have our **Blessing of New Members during worship on Sunday, March 15**. Email [Xan](#) if you have any questions.

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# Mission Sunday

FEBRUARY 22

## Daytime Warming Center of Washtenaw County



**Mission Sunday.** Welcome Kim Daley, the co-director of the Daytime Warming Center of Washtenaw County. Kim works with MISSION, an organization that provides a safe, welcoming daytime space where people experiencing homelessness can have their basic needs met, feel valued, and build community with others. After service on this Sunday, February 22, please join us in the Fellowship Hall to meet Kim, and learn more about the Daytime Warming Center. And join us in the Memorial Lounge during Adult Formation Hour to learn more about this amazing organization and the work they are doing in the community!

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### Schedule of Upcoming Preachers:

**February 22: Xan Morgan (she/her)**

**March 1: DJ Reed (he/him)**

**March 8: George Mason (he/him)**

**March 15: Valerie Francia (she/her)**

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# SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRY

SIGN UP TO HELP MAKE SUNDAY  
MORNINGS HAPPEN AT FBCA2!

**Thank you to everyone who signed up for Sunday Morning Ministry** opportunities after worship this past Sunday. You showed up in a big way and we still have spots to fill. You can always find our up-to-date signups online at [fbca2.org/connect](https://fbca2.org/connect). We invite you to go check out what opportunities remain and sign up for a few in the upcoming months. You'll find detailed information about each ministry in the description on [SignUp Genius](#).

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## Church Camp!

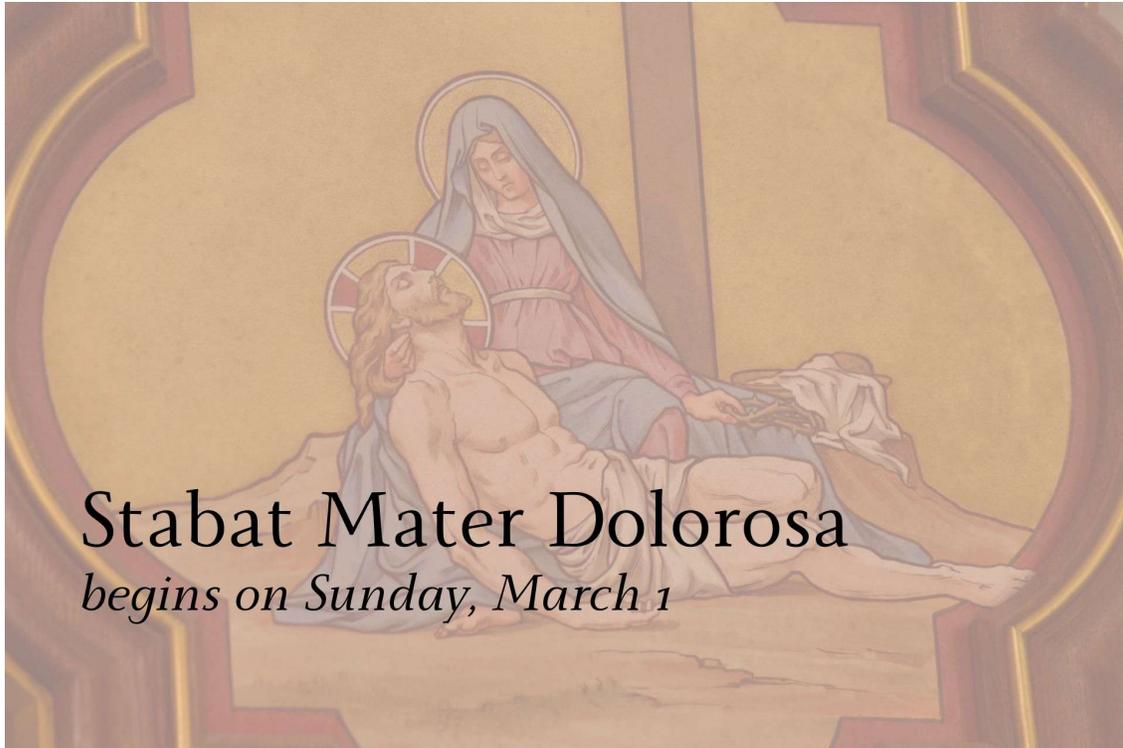
**Church Camp.** We've been having a blast at [Camp Christian](#) and we can't wait to go back!

- **Rabbit Camp for kids who have completed 2nd-5th grade, will be Wednesday, July 8th through Saturday, July 11th.** Camp is filled with fun outdoor activities, small group time to explore Bible stories, worship in the woods, funny camp songs, and new friendships. Xan Morgan will be directing this camp and encourages all our high schoolers to serve as CITS this week!
- **Chi Rho Camp for middle schoolers (completed 6th-8th grade) and CYF Camp for high schoolers (completed 9th-12th grade) is Sunday, June 14th through Saturday, June 20th.** Join church friends at Camp Christian to sing around the campfire, worship, study the stories of God and God's people, play camp games, fish, and laugh a lot!

Overnight church camp has been a formative faith experience in the lives of many! We hope your kids and teens are able to join in the fun! Scholarships for camp are available through Camp Christian and through our church; reach out to Xan for more information. We'll share registration forms as soon as they are ready. For now, mark your calendars!

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# ADULT FORMATION



## Stabat Mater Dolorosa *begins on Sunday, March 1*

**Our New Adult Formation Class, Stabat Mater Dolorosa,** begins on Sunday, March 1 for three sessions. Come join us for a discussion of a Lenten cantata, Karl Jenkins' imaginative musical setting of the medieval poem *Stabat Mater Dolorosa*, about Mary's experience at the crucifixion. This class is led by Sorbie Richer and will be held in the Memorial Lounge from 11:30-12:30p.

**Sunday Young-ish Adult Gathering.** If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a new small group gathering for you in the Campus Center (office wing) on the first and third (and sometimes fifth) Sundays of the month after Fellowship time (11:30a). We'll plan to attend congregational meetings. Come share about your week and what's happening in your life, discuss current events, or just relax and listen. On the first Sunday of the month, we plan to share a meal together. Questions? Contact [Meg Suell](#), [Valerie Francia](#), or [LJ Brazier](#).

**Tuesday evening Bible Study - Mark.** All are welcome to attend as we use the Yale Bible Study's lessons on Mark. The study involves 8 weekly meetings that will take place on Tuesdays, from 7-8 pm at the church. The time commitment is 1-2 hours of reading and reflection in advance of each meeting,

plus the meeting itself. If you are interested in joining us, please contact [Clay Scott](#) or the church office.

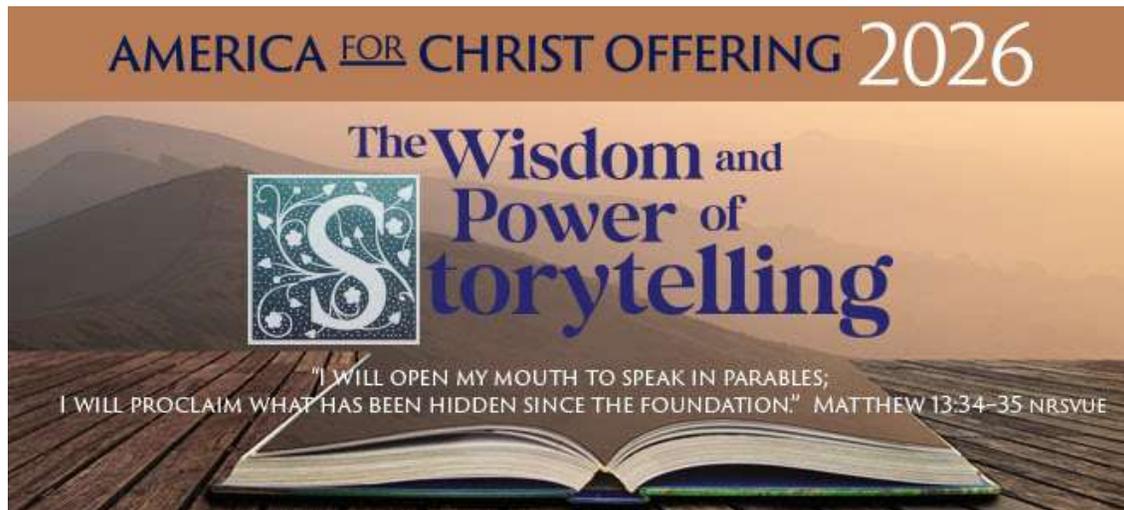
**The Gathering** is our campus ministry during the academic year. It's a safe, open space where undergraduate and graduate students can explore and express their questions and their doubts, learn from others, and be supported in their personal faith and growth. If you're interested in being a part of this ministry, contact [Mary Davis](#) for details. If you can help with a meal for the group, contact [Mary Davis](#), sign up at [fbca2.org/connect](http://fbca2.org/connect), or make a financial gift by check to the church or via [PayPal](#). The Gathering meets on Wednesdays at 6:00p in the campus center living room.

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## CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

**Offering to Churches in Minneapolis.** Thank you to everyone who participated in the offering for our sister churches in Minneapolis. Thanks to your generosity along with a \$500 matching gift from Mission Action Board, we were able to send \$1,682 to two congregations working directly with immigrant communities and ICE-resistance efforts.

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**Fellowship Offering on March 1st.** Each year, American Baptists come together through the America for Christ (AFC) Offering to support ministries that bring healing, hope, and transformation to communities across the United

States and Puerto Rico. The 2026 America for Christ Offering invites congregations to reflect on how faith is shared, remembered, and lived out across generations. Through worship, learning, and service, churches help carry forward a shared story of how generosity and action help shape God's work in the world. If you would like to donate, checks should be written out to First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor, with AFC noted in the memo line. Envelopes will be available in the pews.

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**PRAYER REQUESTS.** Praying together is a core element of our life together. Each Sunday during worship (10:00a on our [Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#), and in person), we pray for those we know to pray for by name during the Prayers of the People. You are invited to share prayer requests/praises using [this form](#).

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**NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE.** The next newsletter will be Thursday, March 5. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 3.

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**INTERFAITH  
VIGIL**  
Sunday, February 22  
1-2pm  
Zion Lutheran  
1501 W. Liberty St. Ann Arbor

Join us for prayer, readings, music, and solidarity in these trying times.

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