



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.  
-MICAH 6:8

## OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND to ICE Presence in Minneapolis and Ypsilanti

- **Financial** - First Baptist's Mission Action Board is ready to match your giving up to \$500 for the ministry of Judson Memorial Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Last Sunday, we collected \$982. Thank you. And it's not too late! You can donate with a check (made out to First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor - memo: MAB) or cash, online through [PayPal](#), or on our [website](#). Questions? Connect with [DJ Reed](#).
- **Time** - Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a mutual aid group in the Twin Cities, needs two types of remote support. Veters are folks who vet volunteers

(over the phone) who are willing to offer rides and get groceries.

Connectors help make connections (electronically) between needs of neighbors and Carers, the volunteers. More information [here](#). Interested? Connect with [Xan Morgan](#).

- **Alternatives To Violence Project (AVP) workshop** - The congregation is invited to participate in this workshop being hosted by the Ann Arbor Unitarian Universalist Church Feb. 6th - 8th. AVP workshops seek to assist people in personal growth and change to integrate nonviolence in their activism. Recognizing that healing ourselves and supporting the healing of others is an important part of interrupting cycles of violence, participants will partake in small and large group discussions, reflective art making, journaling, games and activities to support healing while growing our skill sets to engage nonviolence as a source of transformative power for good in the world. More information and to register online [here](#). Questions? Connect with [LJ Brazier](#).
  - **Clergy Training** - There is a half-day training on Thursday, February 12 that will offer a practical, faith-rooted introduction to Nonviolent Direct Action for clergy discerning how to show up faithfully in these troubling times. Co- led by Dr. Sarah Nahar and Jonathan Brenneman. Interested? Connect with [Xan Morgan](#).
  - **Prayer** - Set time aside to pray each day. Pray for an end to state violence, for our immigrant neighbors, for all those who have been impacted by the violence, for neighbors caring for neighbors, for reunification of families, for our state and national leaders, for communities around the country preparing responses.
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**A Whisk Worth Taking.** Join us this Sunday and the 15th for A Whisk Worth Taking, our next adult formation series led by Xan Morgan and Toni Burton. For some of us, it may feel risky to cook in our big church kitchen but it's a whisk worth taking! This coming Sunday, February 8th, we'll gather to reflect on hospitality as a spiritual discipline and then we'll learn all the ins and outs of our church kitchen. On February 15th, we'll put that knowledge to use while we prepare a meal for our Daytime Warming Center guests.

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**Ash Wednesday.** Christians have been preparing for the celebration of Easter by walking through a holy Lent, patterned after Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, since ancient times. On Wednesday, February 18th, the season of Lent begins; we gather to repent, reflect, and to receive forgiveness. This short, in-person service of prayers and ashes begins at 7:00p in the sanctuary.

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**Schedule of Upcoming Preachers:**

- Feb 8: Rev. Rolf Bouma
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  - Feb 22: Xan Morgan
  - Mar 1: DJ Reed
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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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**Help Wanted! Open Board Positions.** The Recruitment Committee is looking for volunteers to fill (at least) 7 open Board/Committee positions. Serving on a Board not only facilitates the work of the church but also allows development of deeper relationships with others in our congregation. It's a good thing!

Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions:

- Board of Care and Community
- Board of Christian Education
- Board of Outreach
- Board of Trustees
- Executive Council Member-at-Large
- Another Board, as vacancies are confirmed

These are 2-year commitments with terms that begin May 1st. General responsibilities of each Board are described in the FBCA2 Constitution, [excerpted here](#). For further information regarding time commitments or other Board-specific questions, please reach out to current Board chairs/members, listed on the 4th tab of the [Church Directory webpage](#).

If you are interested in being considered for a Board position, please complete the [Board Interest Survey](#) online by **Sunday, February 15th**.

Questions? Please contact any member of the Recruitment Committee: Beth Foster, Louisa Laidlaw, Ashley Magers, Asher Morgan, DJ Reed, and Janice Stumpf.

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# Mission Sunday

FEBRUARY 22

**Daytime Warming Center  
of Washtenaw County**



**Mission Sunday.** Join us for our first Mission Sunday of the year on February 22, where we will hear from Kim Daley, the co-director of the Daytime Warming Center of Washtenaw County. This organization provides a safe, welcoming daytime space where people experiencing homelessness can have their basic needs met, feel valued, and build community with others. We hope to see you on Mission Sunday, during and after service, to learn more from this amazing organization!

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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

**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**

**Thank you to everyone who helped make the Annual Financial Meeting and the Chili Cook-off a success.** And congratulations to Dana Larson whose chili took first place!

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## ***Threads of Connection***

A special community workshop

When someone we love passes away, they often leave behind projects that remain unfinished – crocheting, knitting, sewing, or other handiwork that once carried their touch.

Choosing to finish these projects is a way of staying connected. Each stitch becomes a continuation of the love and care that they had for both us and their crafts. In carrying their work forward, we honor their creativity and presence while weaving our own hands and hearts into the creations they began.

Whether you are an experienced crafter, or have never picked up a needle, we invite you to bring your loved ones' unfinished textile projects (crochet, knitting, embroidery, or quilting) to continue the creations they have begun as we share stories of our loved ones. The soon-to-be-completed piece reminds us that while our loved one's life may have ended, the threads of love, memory, and a shared work remain strong, binding us to them in new and meaningful ways.

***Join us on Sunday, February 22, 2 - 4 pm  
at Crazy Wisdom (114 S Main St, Ann Arbor)***

***Please register at [grievewell.com/calendar](http://grievewell.com/calendar)***

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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, February 19, 2026. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, February 17.

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