



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.

—MICAH 6:8



The Pastoral Search Committee is beyond excited to share that we have a candidate for Senior Pastor to present to the congregation! We are so grateful to have felt God's guidance throughout this long process leading us to this exceptionally gifted pastor!! We are planning to host a special second hour session on Sunday, March 29 where the PSC will share information about the candidate, the process, and next steps. Due to matters of confidentiality we cannot discuss the candidate until that date. We invite everyone to come share the joy with openness to God's leading and with any questions. We are incredibly thrilled to share this moment with you! Please continue to keep us, the candidate, and the church in your prayers.

Getting to Know Our Pastoral Candidate! This is an exciting time! Please make note of these two weekends and mark your calendars!

- **An Introduction to the Pastoral Candidate** - Sunday, March 29th. After Fellowship Time, we'll gather together for an update from our Pastoral Search Committee. They are ready to provide an introduction to who the candidate is and the next steps in the process.
- **A Weekend with Our Pastoral Candidate** - Friday, April 10-Sunday, April 12. On Sunday, April 12, the Pastoral Candidate will lead worship.

There will be opportunities to connect with the candidate throughout the weekend. We'll share more as we know it from our Pastoral Search Committee. **Following worship, a congregational vote will be held.**



I was...and You... Throughout the season of Lent, we have a weekly devotion on Matthew 25. 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 scripture passage as we reflect using questions from the traditional monastic practice, Lectio Divina. Each devotion wraps up with an invitation to pray and respond. Over the next couple of weeks we are sharing more ways to offer hospitality to our Daytime Warming Center guests. **1. We're looking to host a March Madness watch party, Cookie Decorating on St. Patty's Day, and a Movie and Popcorn event. 2. We hope to provide socks, underwear, and undershirts for the guests. You can find the activity signup and the Amazon wishlist at fbca2.org/connect.** Questions? Connect with Xan Morgan (xan@fbca2.org).



Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers. Would you like to purchase a lily in honor or memory of someone this Easter? Purchase Easter flowers for \$16 per plant. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin, and plants may be taken home following worship on April 5th. Please place your order by March 22! You can order your Easter flowers [here](#).



Holy Week

at First Baptist Church of Ann Arbor



Palm/Passion Sunday - March 29 @ 10a. We begin worship with the joy of Palm Sunday before making the turn towards the somber call of Holy Week. Join us for this special service as we reflect on the stories and meaning of both Palm Sunday and the Passion on March 29th.



Community Good Friday Service - April 3 @ 12p. We have a longstanding tradition of joining with sister churches First United Methodist and First Congregational to offer the community a midday Good Friday service. We'll gather in the sanctuary of First United Methodist this year.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 3 @ 8p. Join us for our Good Friday service of shadows, as we sit together in the growing darkness to hear again the story of Jesus' Passion in word, song, and silence, and ponder its meaning for our lives.



Easter Sunday - April 5 @ 10a. Join us for Easter Sunday worship and an Easter Egg Hunt as we celebrate the good news of the resurrection!



WE NEED EASTER BUNNIES!

Each year we fill Easter Eggs for a hunt after worship on Easter morning. We'll also be contributing eggs to a community egg hunt at Perry Child Development Center in Ypsilanti sponsored by Black Greek Fraternities and Sororities, other Black organizations, and Ypsilanti Community Schools. We have 10 bags with 50 empty eggs in each bag that need filling - you can pick them up after worship this Sunday. Please fill the Easter eggs with wrapped candy, stickers, or little toys and return them to Xan Morgan by Sunday, March 22.



Our Story, a Small Group Gathering. Calling all Moms with Kids at home! Let's gather together to sit with some good stories. "When We Swung from Church Bells: Stories That Shape Our Faith and Faith That Shapes Our Stories" just came out and it is written by a local author, Callie Feyen! In this book, Callie celebrates the holiness of ordinary living, often related to parenting. And then those parenting stories intertwine with formative experiences she had in church as a kid or through sacred stories. It's tender, funny, and reverent in all the best ways.

We'll gather on four Wednesday evenings - April 8, 15, 22, and 29 - from 7:30-9:00p. During the first two gatherings, Xan will lead a discussion about the book over Zoom. The second two gatherings, we'll have Callie, the author, lead us in a writers' workshop of sorts (hybrid). We will play and wrestle with some of our own stories. It will be a holy, life-giving, eye-opening, and fabulously fun time with other mamas.

Are you in? We hope so! [RSVP here](#). Xan is ordering books from Literati for easy purchasing. She will let you know as soon as they are available at church.



Church Camp Information Meeting!

Church Camp Information Meeting. Overnight church camp has been a formative faith experience in the lives of many! We hope your kids (1st grade and older) and teens are able to join in the fun! Join Xan on Wednesday, March 18th for a lunchtime [Zoom chat](#) about ALL THINGS CAMP!

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](#).

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, 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.

Wednesday Bible Study resumes at 1:00p on March 25. The group will read and discuss the Bible readings for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Northside Community Church invites you to the Installation Service of The Reverend Sheree Gidcomb Clark on Sunday, March 15th, 2026 at 3pm, as Pastor of Northside Community Church.

929 Barton Dr.

Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103

We invite all attending clergy to be robed.

Reception immediately following the Service.

Volunteers Needed! Would you like to help out here at the church in a small but important way? This is an exciting time of growth and possibilities for our community, and we'd love to have you be a part of it. The Worship Board is looking for volunteers to help out with these weekly duties: ushering, greeting at the doors, reading during the worship service, donating flowers for the altar, learning how to work the sound equipment, and serving communion on the first Sundays of the month. If you're interested or have any questions please contact Jeremy Bon at bon.music.ed@gmail.com

Rev. Ed Owens, from American Baptist Churches of Michigan Central Area, joined us in worship this past Sunday to talk about what's been happening in the denomination. He has a presentation that you can [click here](#) to view.

A Message from Steve Feltner

Fellow Laborers in Christ,

I first wanted to introduce myself to those I haven't had the pleasure of meeting. I'm Steve Feltner, Pastor of Immanuel Baptist in Ypsilanti. I'm happy to be serving a 2 year term as President of the Central Area Board. My main goal is to bring us deeper unity and fellowship as an area. Our best opportunity as the Central Area is our annual night of worship. We hope that you are able to attend on **Friday, May 1st 2026 at 6:00 P.M at Aurelius Baptist Church. 4419 W. Barnes Rd., Mason 48854.** It is a great night of worship, fellowship and unity. Please contact me if you would like more information (sfeltner3@gmail.com). I look forward to seeing you in the near future!

Steve Feltner

Central Area President

Pastor- Immanuel Baptist Church- Ypsilanti

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](#).

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE AND DEADLINE. The next newsletter will be Thursday, March 26. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 24.
