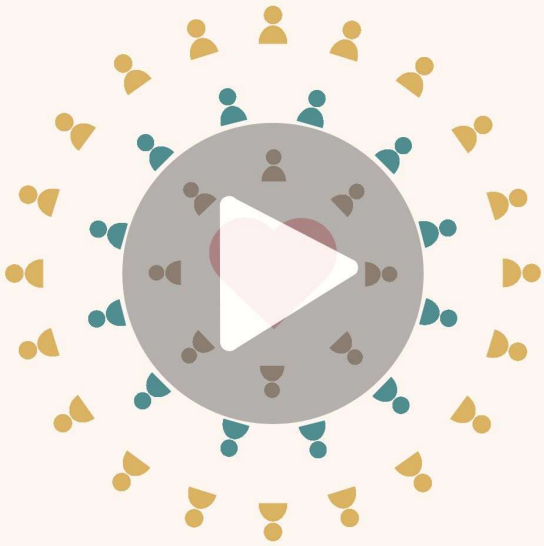
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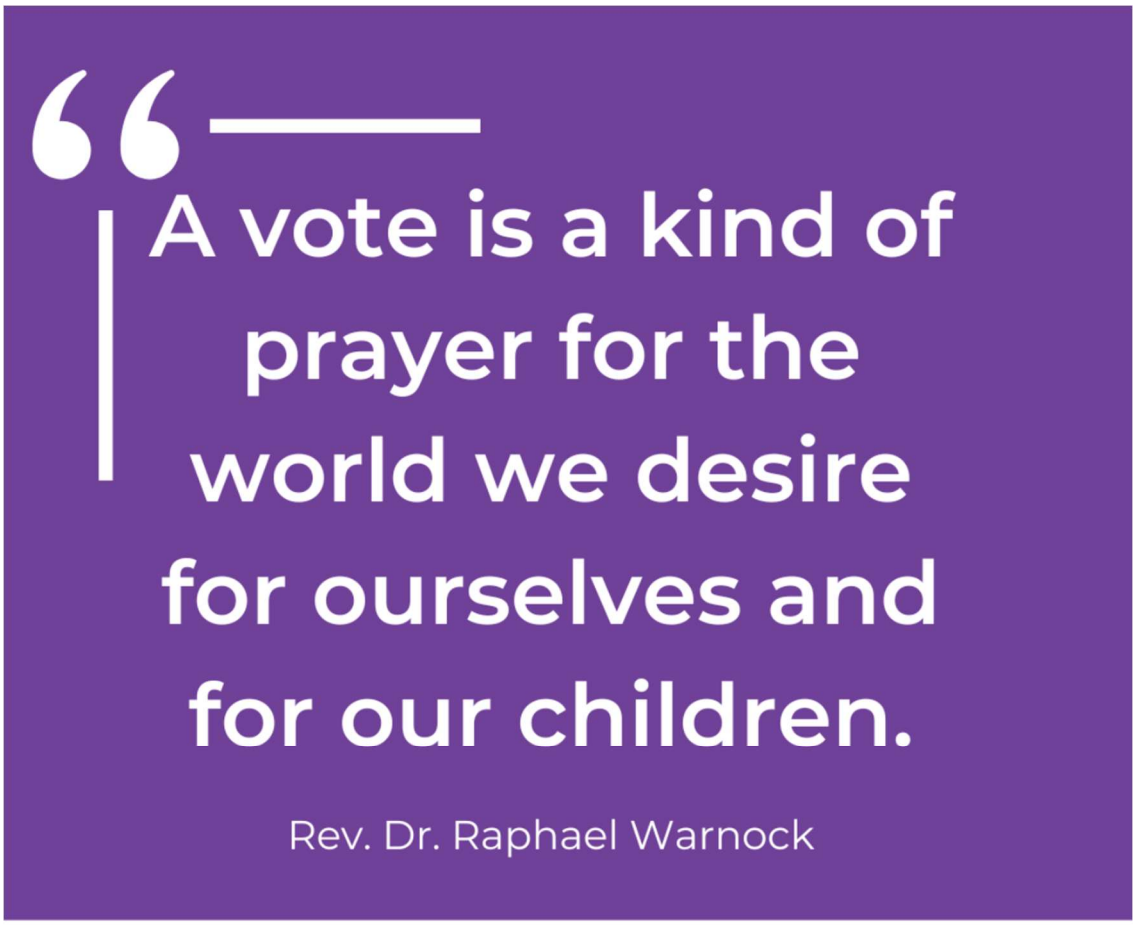
DO JUSTICE. LOVE KINDNESS. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.
–MICAH 6:8



We're excited to kick off our Stewardship Season this Sunday as we explore what it means to take Jesus' command seriously, "love one another as I have loved you." Over the next few weeks we'll have moments in worship and regular communication on these stewardship themes: *Be Known*. *Be Still*. *Be Love*. The Stewardship Team - Pastor Laura, Amanda Shutko, Martin Magers, Robbie Stapleton, Toni Burton, Valerie Francia, and Xan Morgan - is looking forward to sharing the vision put forth by our seven boards for the coming year!



Sunday, November 1 is All Saints Sunday. Everyone is invited to participate in creating a space for remembering in the sanctuary. If you have a photograph or a small object to remember someone who has died, please bring it to the church on Sunday October 25 or November 1 for inclusion in the space of remembrance. Place be sure to label your photo or object. We look forward to a service of grateful remembrance, hope, and love; and we hope that the faces of many of the saints we have known will be visible to us all.



Make a plan to vote and check your registration today!
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Register to Vote. Voting can be a spiritual practice that invites us to learn about our communities and our country and take action to strengthen them. Early voting is available October 24 - November 1. Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. In person registration is available through election day at your clerk's office. Make a plan now to vote! To check your registration, learn about who is on your ballot, and find your polling place, visit vote411.org/michigan.



Volunteers Needed for Fellowship Time. Hosting fellowship time is a fun, low-pressure way for families and individuals to serve! Many of our volunteers love getting to catch up with and meet members during the time after church. We especially need volunteers as we head into the end of the year and the holiday season. Sign up here and email Christine Hwang if you have any questions.



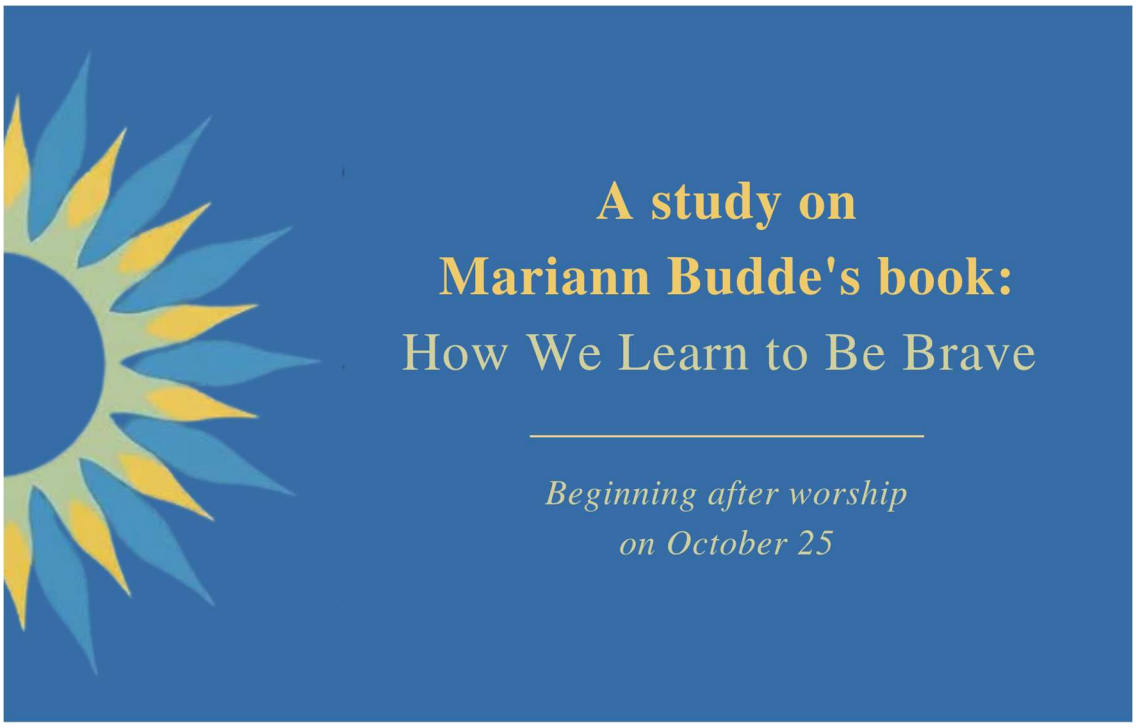
Tea with Pastor Laura. During these next several months, Pastor Laura hopes to meet with everyone connected to our community. Yes, even you! Meet up at your favorite coffee shop, visit in the FBCA2 office, or gather in your home. To sign up, go to the link at fbca2.org/connect and find a time that works for you on the calendar. When you sign up, please let Pastor Laura know where you'd like to meet. Let's share our stories of life and faith over a cup of tea!


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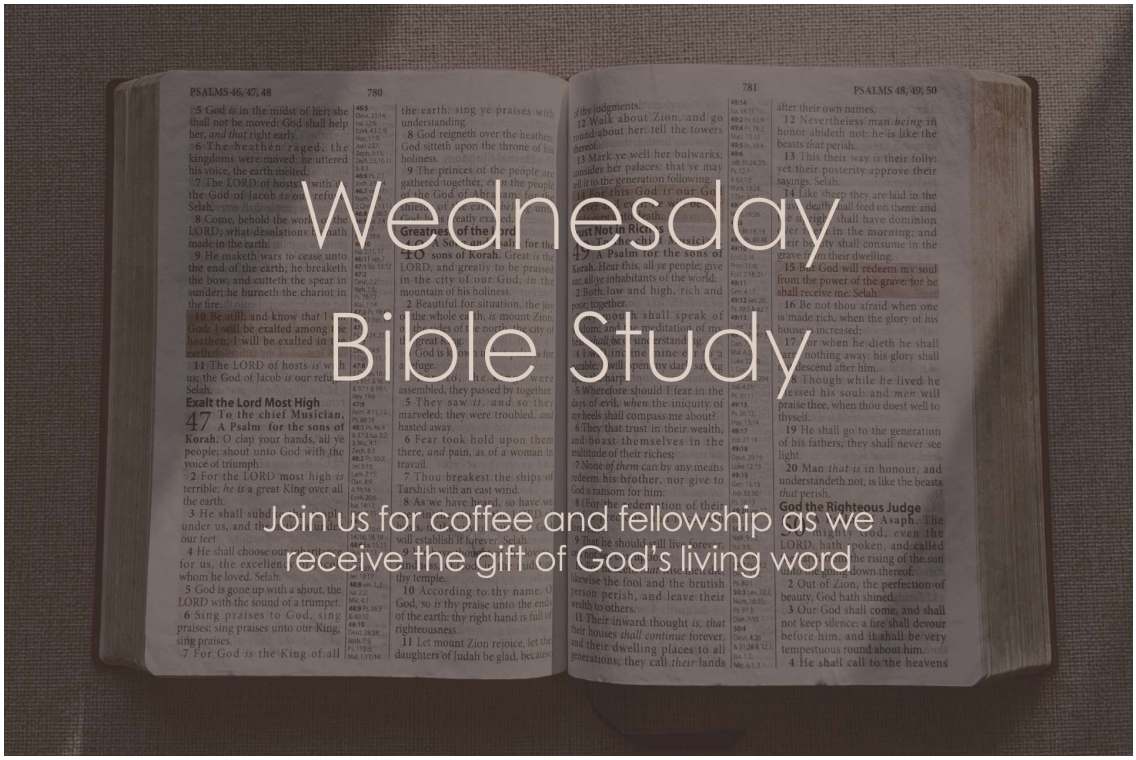
Meals for the Gathering. The Gathering, our campus ministry led by Pastor Laura, meets each Wednesday evening for dinner and conversation. Our hope is for the congregation to support this ministry by providing dinner – home-cooked or otherwise! *We have two more open dates this year.* Please choose a date that works for you to provide a meal for 6. Dinners should be dropped off in the Campus Center kitchen ready to serve by 6p. Not a cook? That's OK! Contributions to arrange for a meal from a local restaurant are also greatly appreciated! You can sign up here! Feel free to contact Pastor Laura if you have any questions.

FORMATION



Adult Formation. Join Pastor Laura after worship (11:30a) this Sunday for a study centered on Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's book How We Learn to Be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith. We'll gather in the Memorial Lounge to discuss decisive moments in life when we're called on to push past our fears and act with strength. If you have the book, please read through chapter 1 for this Sunday's discussion. We still have a few books available for purchase ($10).

Youth Group (students in grades 7-12) is back! For more information, contact Pastor Laura or Robbie Stapleton.



Wednesday Bible Study. Anyone interested is welcome to meet on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the memorial lounge. Pastor Laura will lead a discussion of the lectionary readings for the Sunday in two weeks.

The Gathering. Our Campus ministry meets on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30p in the campus center living room. Join us for a free meal and conversation centered on reflections from the book *God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us* by Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail. No pre-reading required!

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

Meal train for Bonnie and Bob Kidd. Bonnie Kidd is having knee surgery on Monday, October 26th. Please keep her and her care team in your prayers. We would like to show our love and care to Bonnie and Bob by providing some meals during her recovery. Please sign up here to bring the Kidds a meal.

FBCA2 Ladies' Book Club. At the end of October, the FBCA2 Ladies' Book Club will discuss The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald by John U. Bacon. We will meet Tuesday, October 27th, 6:30 pm at Janice Stumpf's house for refreshments and polite conversation. Hope you can join us! Please contact Janice or Mary Gregg if you have any questions.

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, November 5. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, November 3.



At a time when religious, cultural and political differences can feel increasingly difficult to bridge, the University of Michigan and the Fetzer Institute will bring scholars, spiritual practitioners, community leaders and musicians together in Ann Arbor to consider a provocative question: Can humanity find a shared sacred story without erasing the distinct stories and traditions that make us who we are? A Shared Sacred Story for the Human Family: A Panel Discussion and Community Exploration will take place Thursday, October 22, 2026, at the Michigan League's Koessler Room, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor. A community reception with light refreshments and live improvisational jazz begins at 4:30 p.m., followed by the program from 5:30–7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.


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