

WEEKLY CALENDAR:

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Thursday 11am-3:30pm

- Monday, March 2nd** 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee
- Tuesday, March 3rd**
 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 3rd**
 7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Thursday, March 5th**
 5:30 p.m. **Thursday Nights Together**
 6:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal in the bell room
 7:00 p.m. Vocal Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, March 6th**
 5:00 p.m. **Detroit Baptist Chin**
- Saturday, March 7th**
 5:00 p.m. **Game Night**
- Sunday, March 8th**
 10:00 a.m. Worship/SS Coffee Hour follows
 11:30 a.m. Bible Study
 12 noon Classical Indian Dance **GFYG Temple Beth EL 12:15**
 5:00 p.m. Detroit Chin Baptist Church

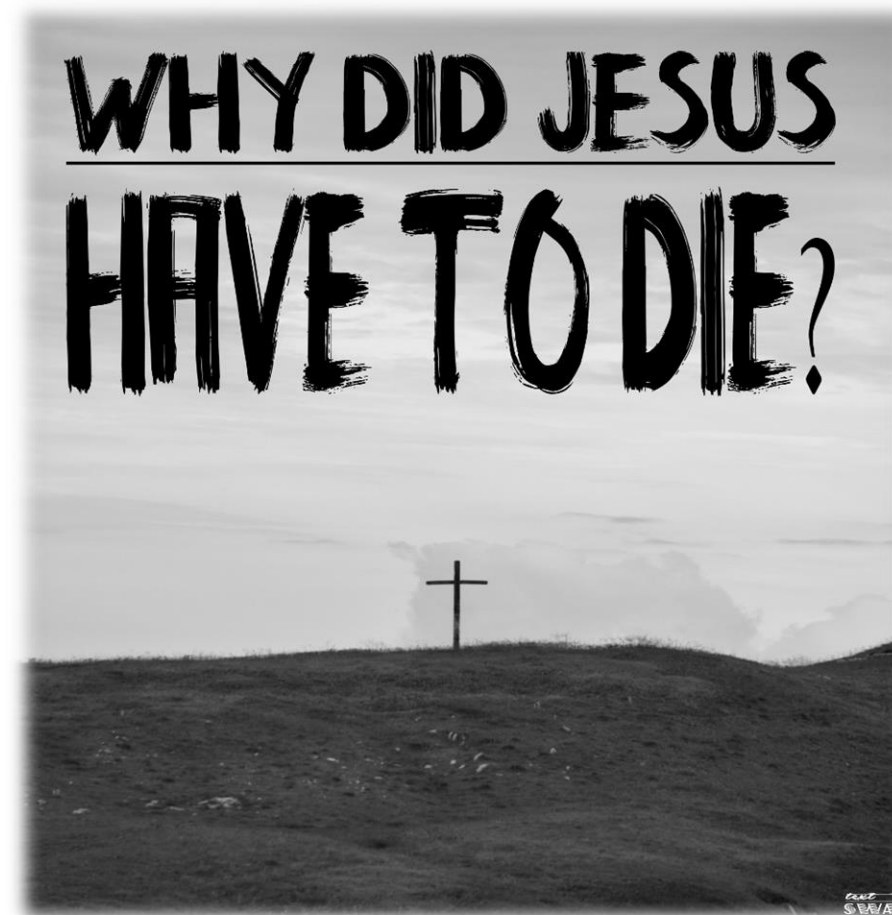
YOU ARE A BLESSING FROM GOD: We grateful for all our guest, let us know you are here. Please scan the QR code to complete a: **CONNECTION CARD**



JOYS AND CONCERNS: Text your joys and concerns to Pastor Brian at (269) 274-0029
ALTAR FLOWERS:



- 1st Claudette Howell, Linda Peckham
- 8th Michael Weddell
- 13th Denise Ruff,
- 14th Ben Niemiec
- 15th Ella Hanson
- 16th Scott Riley
- 20th Don Haase
- 22nd Jodi Imus, John Welling
- 24th Sandra Welling
- 26th Doug Tonkovich
- 27th Brenna Drake
- 28th Maggie Clewley
- 31st Rachel Burress, Emily Carnell
 John Sheppard
- 18th Don & Connie Haase
- 24th John & Sandra Welling
- 29th Tanner & Susanna



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OUR MISSION

To welcome and connect all people with God through relevant discipleship and service.

PRELUDE Yaroslav Daniels

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Brian Steele

CHORAL INTROIT *Through It All* Chancel Choir

HYMN *This is a Day of New Beginnings* UMH #383

CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Kennedy

Leader: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast with joy!

Leader: The Lamb who was slain is worthy.

People: By his blood we are redeemed, from every tribe and nation.

All: Blessing and honor and glory be to Christ, our Redeemer and King!

OPENING PRAYER Dave Kennedy

Holy God, as we continue our journey to the cross, we give thanks for the liberation your cross has given us. You have delivered us from sin, death and isolation to transformation, resurrection and community. Your cross is a message of forgiveness, but let us not stop at forgiveness. May we take the freedom the cross gives us to live a new life of transformation so that we can more fully bring your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

ANTHEM *A Miracle Man* Chancel Choir
By Joel Raney

HYMN *Lamb of God* TFWS #2113

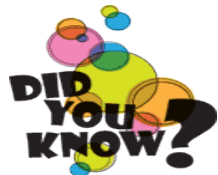
CHILDREN & YOUTH MOMENT Pastor Bea Fraser-Soots

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 Dave Kennedy

Liturgist: The word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

SERMON *Why Did Jesus Have to Die: The Liberating Cross* Rev. Steele



Did you know the Michigan Conference has an annual Advocacy day to support programs that align with our social principles? This year's Advocacy Day is March 18th. Read more at <https://michiganumc.org/event/advocacy-day-2026/>

OFFERTORY INVITATION Dave Kennedy

(WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED PRAYERFUL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH.)

- Please place your tithes and offerings in the collection plate, or in one of our offering boxes. As the ushers come to receive our gifts, please sign the attendance pad, and pass it along to your neighbor.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION Dave Kennedy

OFFERTORY MUSIC Yaroslav Daniels

*SUNG PRAISE *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Steele

LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison) Rev. Steele

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WAYS TO CONNECT Rev. Steele

HYMN *Nothing But the Blood* UMH #362

SENDING FORTH: **You Are A Blessing From God. Now Go Be A Blessing!**
Rev. Steele

BENEDICTION *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Yaroslav Daniels

PRAYERS

General: All conflicts globally and domestically, especially the city of Minneapolis.
Gratitude: Kind spouses, growing children and families.

Health: Olivia (cancer), Shumei, Lori, Denise, Tom Benjamin (heart attack), Erica Palmer, Nikki (heart attack), Kali Imus, Tony Tulgetske, James Lanstra, Denise Ruff, Hooley Fiwig, Sean Mullan, Bernie Shaw, Larry Malloy, Claudette Howell
Cancer: Dakota as she deals with Leukemia and her parents Leslie & Kevin. Cathy Kwasky, Dawn McCourt, Michael Jackson, David Shultz, Linda P.

The families in the midst of grief: Judith Young Mayo, Kalakailo, Cook, those who have lost somebody to fentanyl overdose, families and everyone amidst their grief.