

Renee Brott / Graphic Design Portfolio

Hello! I am a communications specialist with a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Graphic Design from Central Michigan University. I also have a double minor in Marketing and Advertising. With over 15 years of experience I am ready for any communications challenge. I have worked as a freelance graphic designer, marketing director, and currently as the Director of Communications for First United Methodist Church of Grand Rapids, MI.

Here are a few projects I've worked on...





First Pulse Monthly Newsletter

Articles, events, and images of First Church

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May 1
Sunday 1
9:15 am – Church School
Classes for all ages
10:15 am – Youth Choir
10:45 am – Sunday Worship
11:00 am – Children & Worship and Shine: Sensory Room
11:45 am – Blood Pressure Clinic
2:30 pm – Walk for Good Food
4:30 pm – Service for Inclusion with meal following
5:00 pm – Jr High and Sr High Youth Group
5:30 pm – Gentle Yoga for 50s and Beyond

Monday, May 6
11:00 am – Adult Bible Study
6:30 pm – Stephen Ministry
6:30 pm – Methodist Connection



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Due
Friday, May 10
6:30 pm – Moms' Group: Makeup and Styling Party

Sunday, May 12
Mother's Day
Baptism Sunday
Coffee Can Offering
Diaper Drive for Grace's Table
8:00 am – Infant/Toddler Nurseries
8:15 am – Sunday Worship
9:15 am – Church School
Classes for all ages
10:15 am – Youth Choir
10:45 am – Sunday Worship
11:00 am – Children & Worship and Shine: Sensory Room
12:00 pm – Unplugged: Geocaching and Ice Cream
5:00 pm – Jr High and Sr High Youth Group
5:30 pm – Gentle Yoga for 50s and Beyond

Saturday, May 18
1:00 pm – Youth Service Rehearsal

Monday, May 27
Memorial Day
Church Building and Offices Closed
11:00 am – Adult Bible Study (Offsite)

Tuesday, May 28
7:00 am – Work Program
6:30 pm – Congregational Care Visiting Committee

Wednesday, May 29
5:30 pm – Moms' Group: Baby Party!

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EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY Resource Development

Beating Your Head Against the Wall

For the last two weeks, a cardinal has perched itself in a bush outside the window of our home. Several times a day, she will fly into the pane of glass as if trying to fly through. She will hit the glass, bounce off, perch for a moment, and then try again. Having no success in her apparent goal, she will move to another bush outside another window and repeat the process there several times. She will then go away for a while, but then return and start all over again.

At first, I thought she was perhaps "drunk" on some fermented tree berries, but now after two weeks, I'm not sure. At any rate, I have grown to admire her unbelievable determination! I am reminded of the phrase "beating your head against the wall."

Sometimes the work of the church can feel like we are this cardinal. We work hard to make a difference in a hurting world, yet it seems even more hurt presents itself. We work in mission but hear of yet even more needs. We work locally at MLK Leadership Academy to nurture and support the kids there, but see even more needs that are not being addressed. We supply resources to local food pantries, yet hunger remains. With all our efforts, it can still feel like we are bouncing off the wall!

Sometimes it's important to take a moment and reflect on all that we are indeed accomplishing! First Church continues to be a vital beacon of hope for all those



The youth served a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday.

we touch. Many in our church family have immersed themselves in ministry that has enabled our success. Our incredibly generous church giving enables us to expand our reach and plan new ways to bring God's love to those who long to receive it.

Our denomination is currently struggling with difficult questions about sexuality and inclusiveness, yet through all of this, First Church is remaining true to its calling to be a welcoming and inclusive family of disciples to any who wish to join us in our mission. Our giving so far in 2019 has been exactly as planned. This is a testament to our congregation rising above the continuing intense debate over our structure and organization to focus on doing the work of the church and answering God's call to ministry.

Thank God for all at First Church who so generously continue to give of their time and money. Even though there are days when we feel like that bird I can hear right this moment bouncing off the glass, we can take satisfaction in knowing that we are marching forward as a church family as we bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to so many!

Chris Hawkins
Finance Committee

Risk-Taking Outreach and Mission

During the first week of April 2019, a mission team from First Church visited our sister church in Heredia, Costa Rica. We had a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship with our Cuban siblings in Christ, and were able to provide much needed support for their vibrant ministries. This annual trip is especially meaningful for our First Church high school students, several of whom have attended this trip over the years. Here are some reflections from two of the students who were on our team this year.

Dr. Joan VanDessel
Director of Community Outreach and Mission



family will always be connected to First Church because of the same God we both worship and love. God has completely blessed me through this experience.

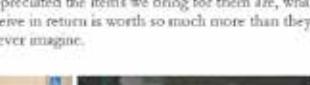
Sydney Judnich

"The hardest part of the Cuba mission trip for me has been leaving. The connections you make and the people you meet are truly one of a kind. I have been blessed to be able to go to Cuba for my third time. This trip will open your eyes to their poverty but most importantly to their faith. They give their lives to Christ unlike I had ever seen before. On this year's mission trip, we had a meeting with many leaders of the church and toward the end of the meeting everyone got emotional and started sharing how our sister church connection impacts them. I will never forget how one young man from Cuba said it was a hard for them because they want to show their appreciation for us but have no way materialistically to do so. He said they are always praying for us and thinking of us, though. This broke my heart because after 3 mission trips I never once felt like we were in need of payment. After every trip I had only thought about how I could thank them in some way for renewing my faith. They have changed my life and shown me what living your life completely for Jesus looks like. They proved that it has nothing to do with money or materialistic things. An amazing and appreciated the items we bring for them are, what we receive in return is worth so much more than they could ever imagine."



Emma Schuiling

This has been the second time I was able to go back on the Cuba mission trip. I would've never gone on this trip if my friend Sydney was not going. Through the first Cuba mission trip, I grew closer with her, and it had always been our dream to go back together. I never thought it could get any better than the first time I went, but it did. It was the most important and rewarding trip because I saw firsthand what it meant to be truly humble and full of joy. Our church family in Heredia is sincerely grateful to God for everything in their lives. Even though they possess very few material comforts, they feel blessed by God and wholeheartedly want to share the good news with the surrounding community. I was able to speak Spanish and it allowed me to connect with the people on an entirely different level, especially with the kids my age. Not only have I grown connections with the Cuban people, but also with the team whom they loved so much.



A Youth preparing for the 2018 Youth Service.

B Rev. Dr. Alvin Padilla was the guest speaker at the Community Good Friday Service.

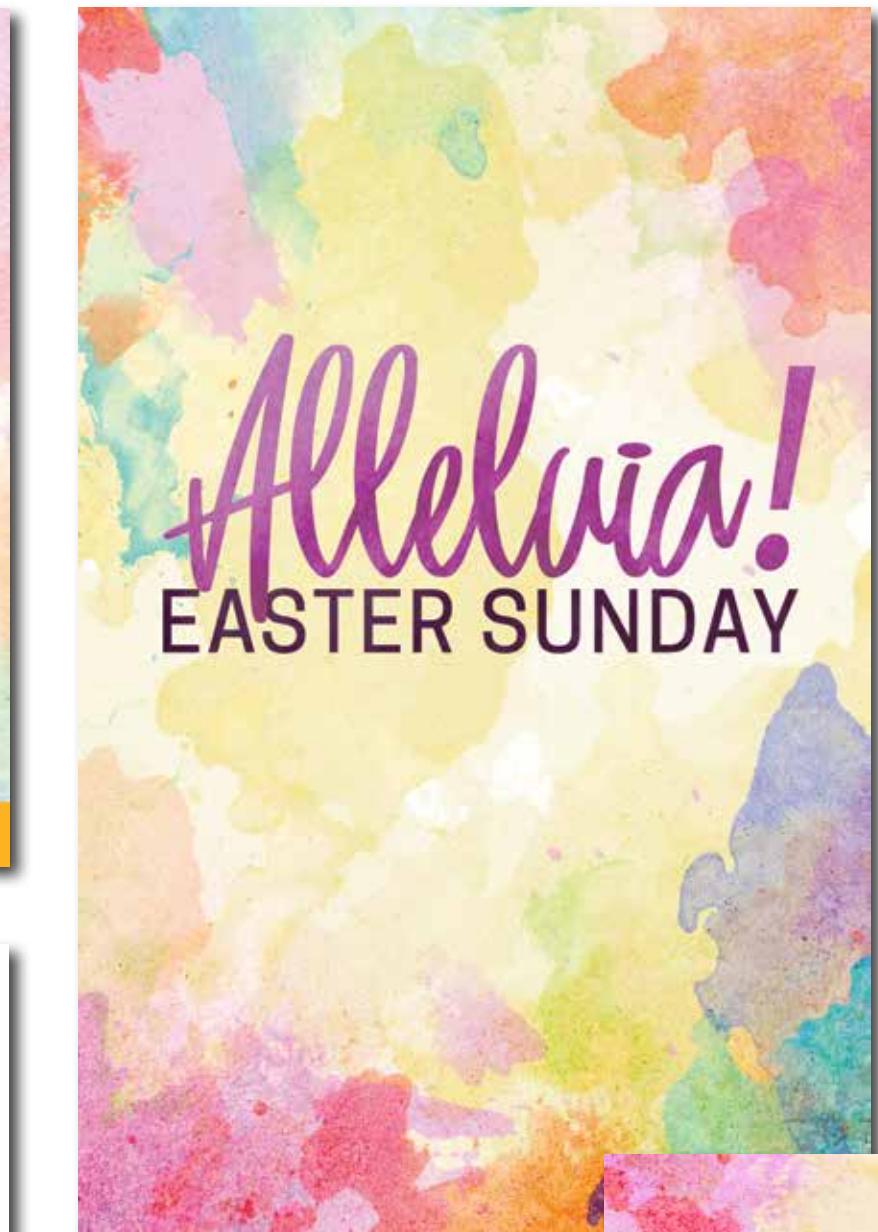
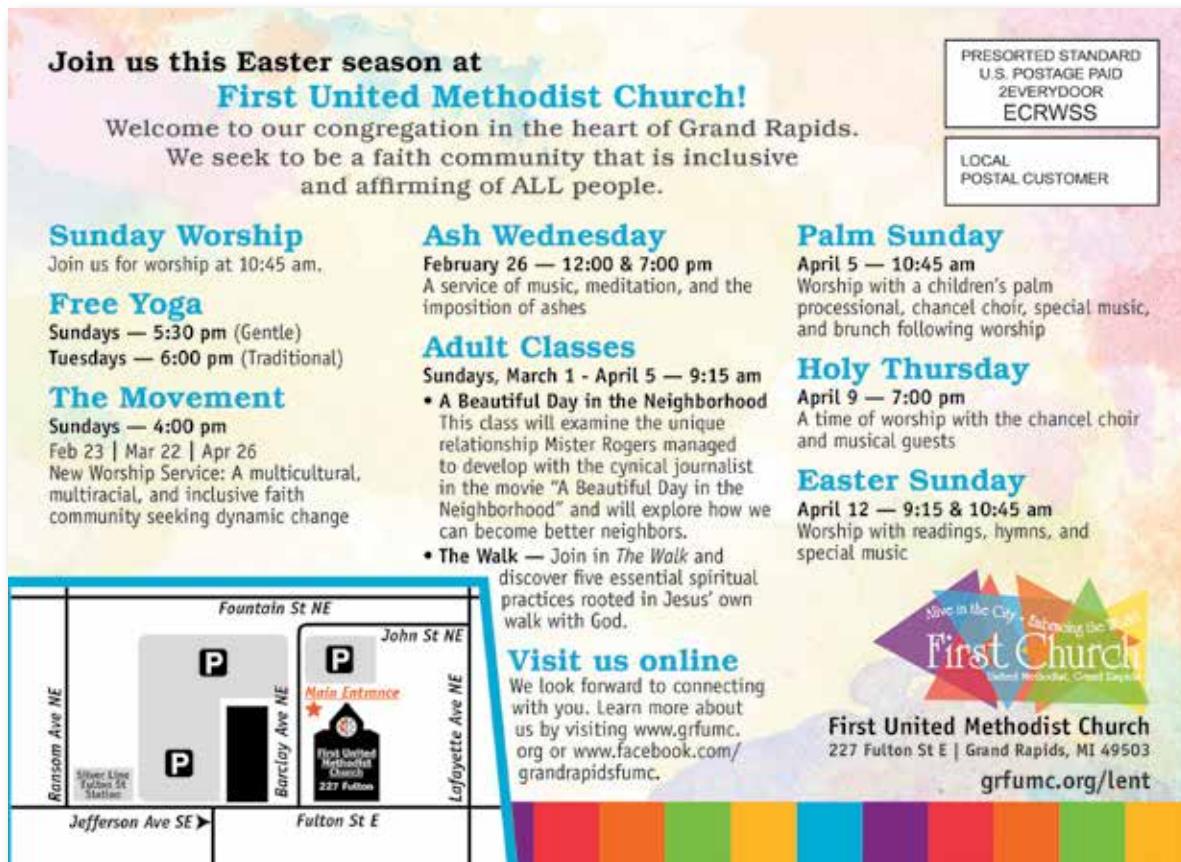
C 2019 Cuba Mission Trip

D Easter Sunday Children's Moment at 9:15 am

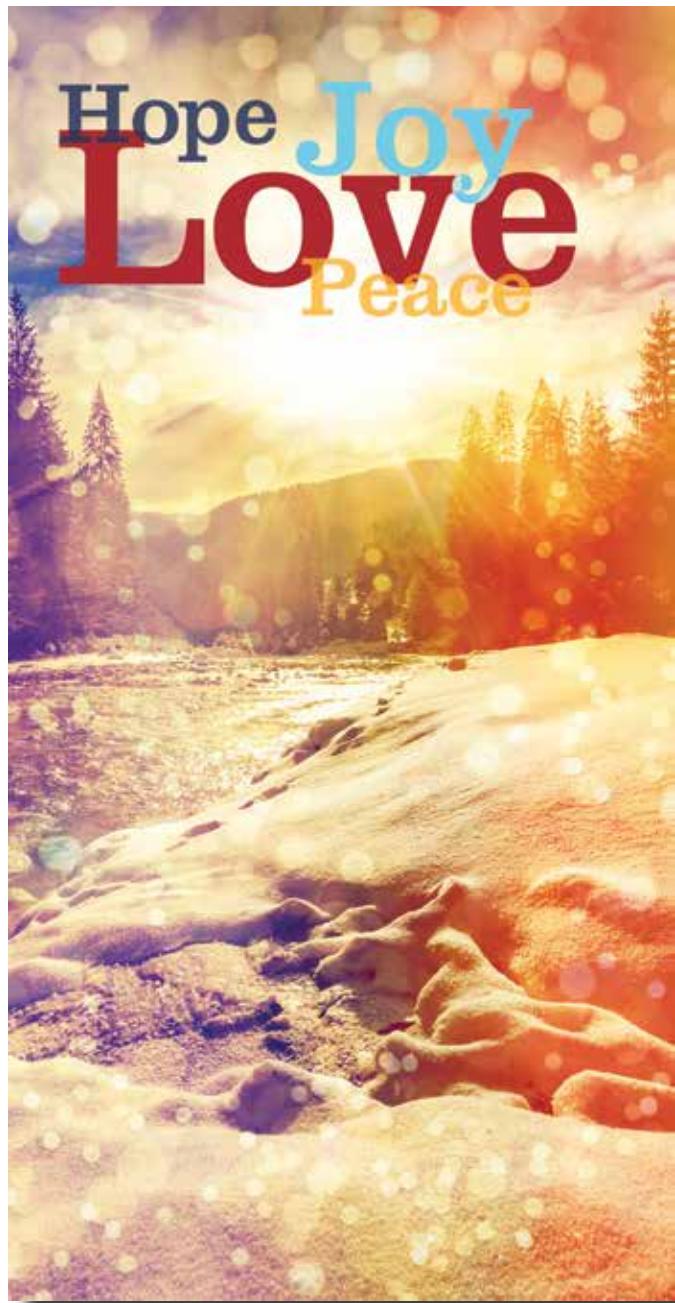
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Lent 2020
Easter Graphics
Direct mail postcard, bulletin cover, and website graphic



Advent 2019 Christmas Materials

Bulletin cover, postcard, social media image, and website graphic

A postcard with a similar design to the bulletin cover, featuring a snowy landscape and the text "Christmas is here! Hope Joy Love Peace". It includes details for "Sundays at First Church" and "Christmas Eve Services" on December 24th, along with the church's address: First United Methodist Church, 227 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. The website www.grandrapidsfumc.org/advent is also listed.



A flyer for First United Methodist Church's Advent activities. It features a background of cinnamon sticks, pinecones, and a small bell. Text includes "You are invited! Join us this Christmas season at First United Methodist Church!", "Free Gentle Yoga" (Sundays at 5:30 pm), "Free Yoga" (Tuesdays at 6:00 pm), "A Jazz Christmas" (Saturday, December 14 at 6:00 pm), "Advent Adult Classes" (Sundays, December 1 - 22 at 9:15 am), and "Visit us online" for more details. It also includes a map showing the church's location at 227 Fulton St E, with parking and nearby streets like Ransom Ave NE, Fountain St NE, John St NE, Barclay Ave NE, Jefferson Ave SE, and Fulton St E. The U.S. Postage Paid stamp indicates it is a local postal customer.

CELEBRATION of the ARTS

www.TheCelebrationOfTheArts.com

GALLERY HOURS

Open to the public:

Saturdays, Feb 8 and 15, Mondays, Feb 10 and 17, Tuesdays, Feb 11 & 18, and Friday, Feb 14:

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 3 pm

Sundays, Feb 9 and 16:

Gallery Hours: 9:15 am - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, Feb 12 & Thursday, Feb 13:

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 8 pm

Wednesday, Feb 19:

Gallery Hours: 10 am - 1 pm

Off the Wall Party: 4 - 7:30 pm

EVENTS

Artists' Reception — Friday, Feb 7 7 - 9 pm — Jazz, special desserts, and awards!

Gallery Walk-Through

Sunday, Feb 9: 9:15 - 10:15 am

Wednesday, Feb 12: 12 - 1 pm

Thursday, Feb 13: 7 - 8 pm

Experience the show with Nancy Clouse, artist and retired GRCC faculty member.

Sunday Worship with Music for Brass and Organ — Sunday, Feb 9

10:45 am — Join us for this powerful combination of brass, organ, and voice that is sure to lift your spirit, even in the middle of winter.

Music for Organ and Saxophone — Sunday, Feb 9: 3:00 pm

Eric Strand, organist, is joined by Hugh Dewitt, saxophonist, in music of Paul Halley, James Whitbourne, and Hans-Andre Stamm. Seasoned and frequent performers in West Michigan, this music features diverse stylistic elements including jazz and the avant-garde.

Sunday Worship with The Girls Choral Academy and Grand Rapids Women's Chorus — Sunday, Feb 16

10:45 am — The Girls Choral Academy will be joined by the GR Women's Chorus for their annual Celebration of the Arts series.

Music of Japan for Organ, Marimba, and Taiko Drum

Sunday, Feb 16: 3:00 pm, with Carolyn Koebel, Taiko Drum, Mark Lopez, Marimba, and Rhonda Sider Edgington, Organ

Featuring music of Japanese composers, this concert will feature each instrument in solo, as well as ensemble works.

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227 Fulton St E • Grand Rapids, MI 49503



**FEBRUARY
8-19
2020**



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ENTRY PROCEDURES

1. Fill out the attached entry card (also available at First Church or online at www.TheCelebrationOfTheArts.com).
2. Fill out and attach the identification cards to the back upper left corner of each entry.
3. Deliver cards with the artwork (do not mail) to FUMC, 227 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI (use back parking lot entry) January 31 - February 1 between 10 am - 4 pm. **See website or call (616) 451.2879 in case of bad weather.**

ENTRY INFORMATION

MEDIA Oils, acrylics, watercolors, prints, drawings, sculpture, ceramics, fiber, textiles, collage, photography, multi-media, etc.

FEES \$20.00 for the first entry, \$10.00 for the second entry. Entries are limited to two pieces per person. Make checks payable to: First United Methodist Church (FUMC) Arts Council.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Work should express a social justice or sacred/spiritual quality. A note of explanation may be attached for the juror's use.
2. All works must be dry and ready for presentation.
3. Two-dimensional work must be framed with proper hangers and wire.
4. No unframed glass will be accepted.
5. Works to be hung must not exceed 5 ft x 7 ft and should weigh no more than 30 lbs.
6. Three-dimensional work should take up no more than 12 square ft of floor space and must be no more than 9 ft high.
7. No slides or prints of the work will be accepted. Only the original artwork is presented to the juror.

SALE OF WORK Works may be sold. FUMC Arts Council takes no commission. Those works not for sale (NFS) must be so marked.

LIABILITY Entries will be handled with all possible care. FUMC will not be responsible for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever.

SHIPPING For shipping instructions, contact Carol McNally, Associate Director of Music and the Arts, at carolm@grfumc.org.

NOTIFICATION A list of selected artists will be posted online on Tuesday, February 4.

PICK UP PROCEDURE Entries not selected must be picked up February 5 - 7 between 10 am - 6 pm. Selected entries should be picked up February 20 - 21 between 10 am - 6 pm. All entries must be picked up by the artist or artist representative with a photo ID. Any art left at the church three months after the show may be disposed of at the will of the committee. **See website, facebook, or call (616) 451.2879 in case of bad weather.**

CELEBRATION of the ARTS

February 8 - 19, 2020

Enriching lives by embracing the diverse spiritual talents and gifts of our world

**ARTISTS CALL FOR ENTRY
47th**

annual juried art show

CALENDAR

ENTRY DATES

Friday, Jan 31: Receiving art 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday, Feb 1: Receiving art 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday, Feb 2: Juror Sunday
Tuesday, Feb 4: Accepted art posted online

GALLERY HOURS

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GALLERY WALKS

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Wednesday, Feb 12: 12 - 1 pm
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EVENTS

Friday, Feb 7: Artists' Reception 7 - 9 pm

Sunday, Feb 9: 10:45 am: Worship with Music for Brass and Organ

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A free-will offering is taken at each concert.

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2020 Annual Art Show

Banner, logo, entry form, signage, and social media.

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2020 Entry Forms now available online!

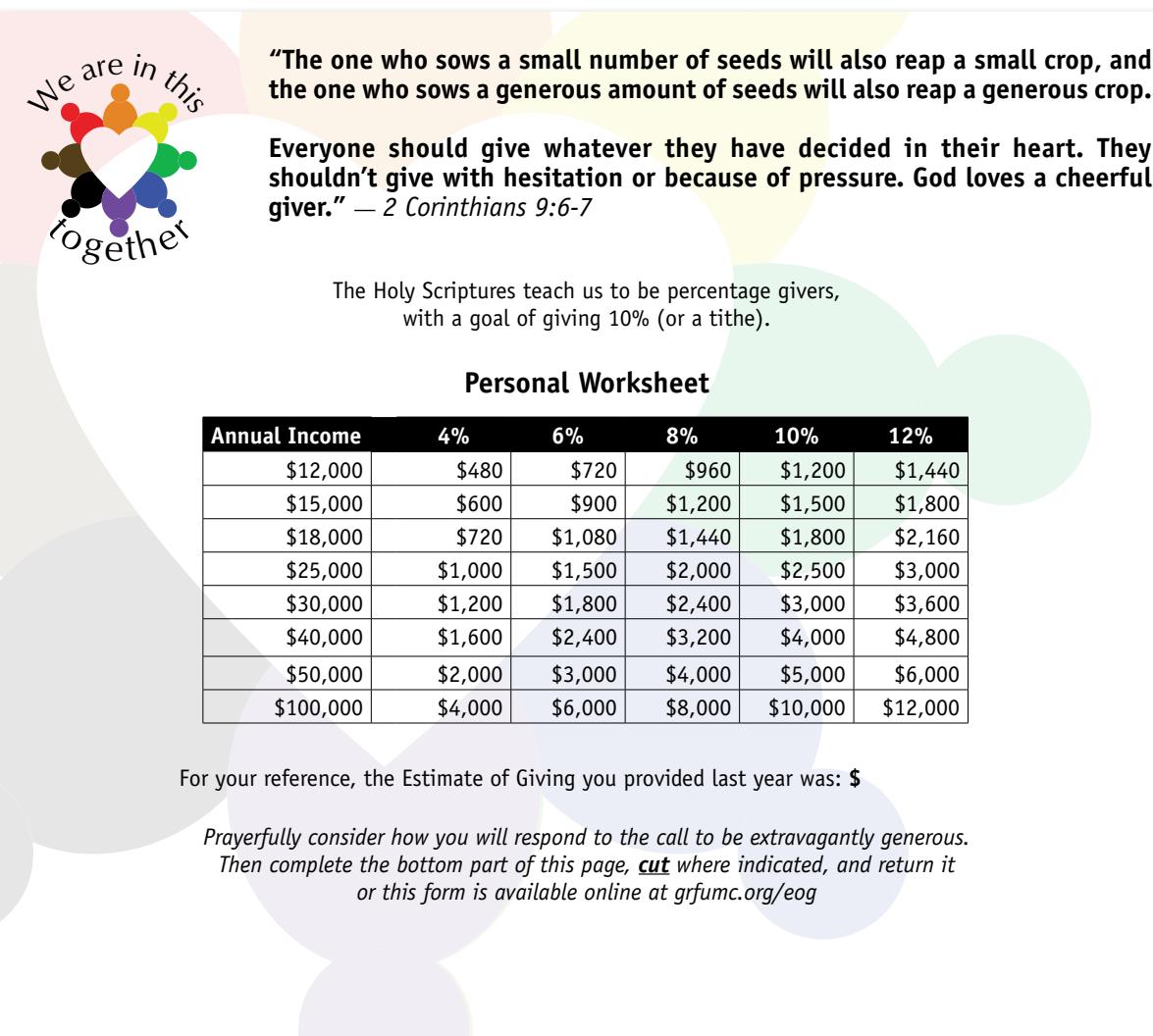
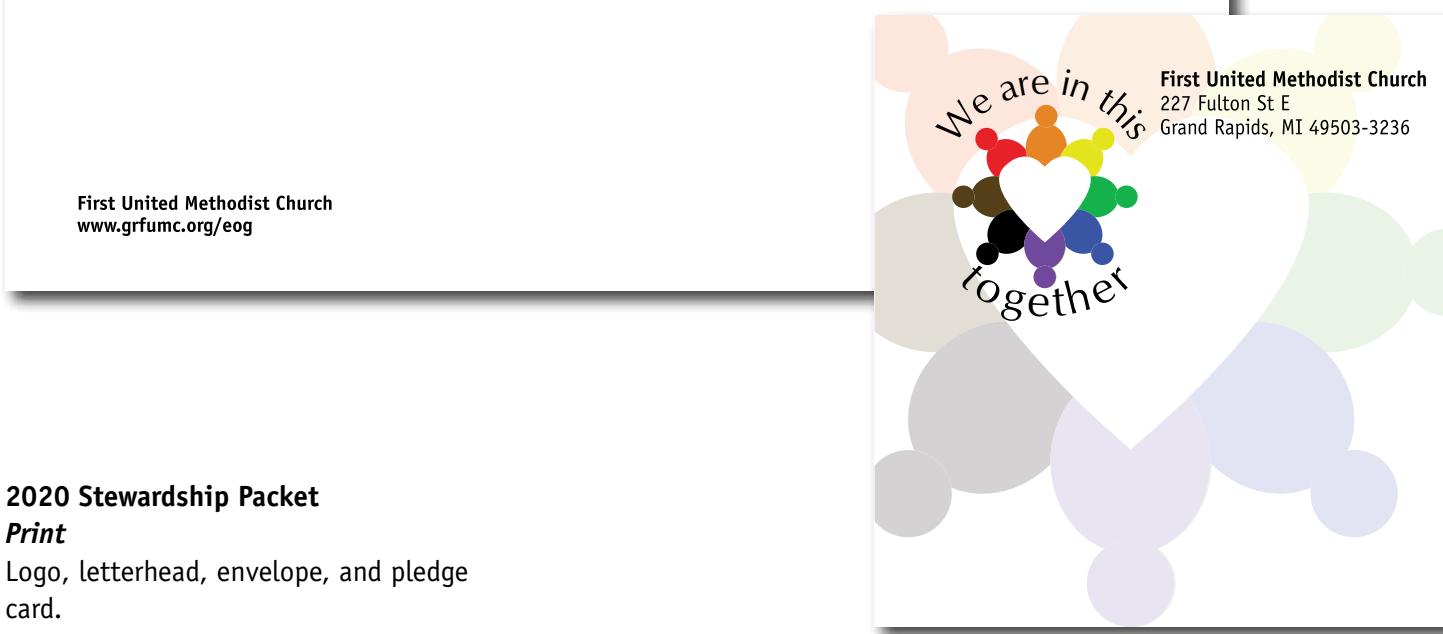


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www.grfumc.org/eog

2020 Stewardship Packet

Print

Logo, letterhead, envelope, and pledge
card.



"The one who sows a small number of seeds will also reap a small crop, and the one who sows a generous amount of seeds will also reap a generous crop."

Everyone should give whatever they have decided in their heart. They shouldn't give with hesitation or because of pressure. God loves a cheerful giver." — 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The Holy Scriptures teach us to be percentage givers, with a goal of giving 10% (or a tithe).

Personal Worksheet

Annual Income	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%
\$12,000	\$480	\$720	\$960	\$1,200	\$1,440
\$15,000	\$600	\$900	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800
\$18,000	\$720	\$1,080	\$1,440	\$1,800	\$2,160
\$25,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$1,200	\$1,800	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$3,600
\$40,000	\$1,600	\$2,400	\$3,200	\$4,000	\$4,800
\$50,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$6,000
\$100,000	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$12,000

For your reference, the Estimate of Giving you provided last year was: \$

Prayerfully consider how you will respond to the call to be extravagantly generous. Then complete the bottom part of this page, cut where indicated, and return it or this form is available online at grfumc.org/eog



"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____



I/We plan to give \$_____ per year to the General Operating Budget.

I/We plan to give:

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- One lump sum

Please check all that apply:

- Continue my monthly electronic funds transfer (ACH or debit/credit card).
- Contact me about Electronic Giving.
- I would like weekly envelopes.

Legacy information is available at www.grfumc.org/planned-giving.

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Palm Sunday, April 14 — 10:45 am

Worship with a children's palm processional, chancel choir, and special music. Join us at 10:00 and 11:45 am for a **pancake brunch fundraiser** for the youth mission trip.

Holy Thursday, April 18 — 7:00 pm

A time of worship with the chancel choir and musical guests.

Good Friday, April 19 — 12:00 pm

A collaborative community service with guest speaker Dr. Alvin Padilla, Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Western Theological Center.

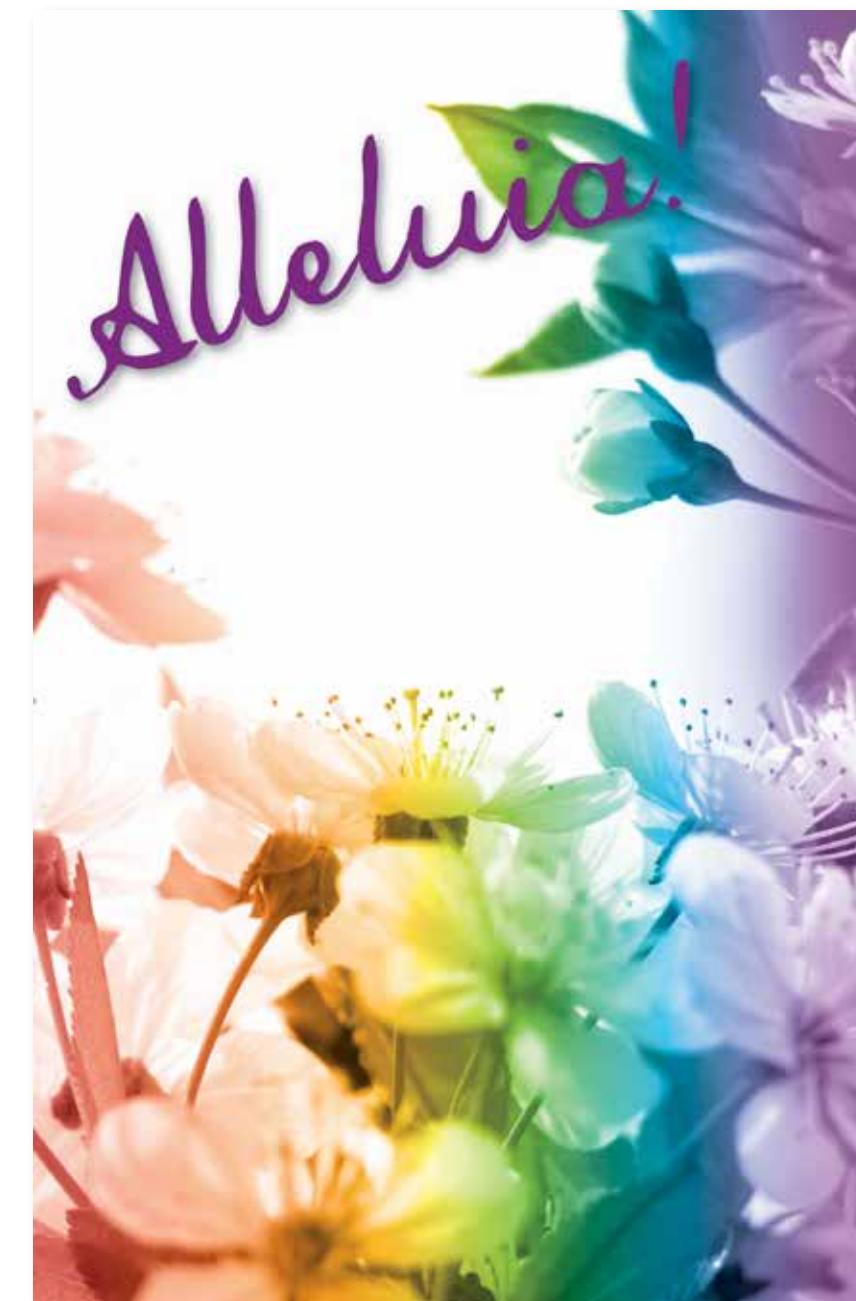
Easter Sunday, April 21 — 9:15 & 10:45 am

Worship at **9:15 am** with readings, hymns, and special music.

Worship at **10:45 am** with the chancel choir, readings, hymns, and special music.



Lent 2019
Easter Graphics
Direct mail postcard, bulletin cover, and website graphic





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JFON

Identity Package

Creating letterhead, business cards, envelope, and promotional pieces using the new organizational logo.

What We Do:

- Family Petitions
- Adjustment of Status
- Naturalization
- Asylum Applications

- Representation in Immigration Court
- Religious Worker Visas
- T Visas for Victims of Trafficking
- Temporary Protective Status
- NACARA

- Self-Petition under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- Advice and Counsel
- U Visas for Victims of Serious Crimes

Affordable Immigration Legal Services, Education and Advocacy

The Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) program, founded in 1999 by the United Methodist Church, helps immigrants navigate our country's complex immigration regulations. As part of this nationwide outreach effort, our clinics based in West Michigan provide affordable immigration legal services to those with limited income. Our services are focused on family-based and humanitarian immigration law.

The JFON clinic model promotes volunteerism by actively engaging with clients on initial intake interviews or at form preparation clinics. JFON advocates for immigrants on issues of social justice and works to make our communities more welcoming.

Support the Immigrant

Like never before, the plight of the immigrant is in the political spotlight. While our legislators continue to debate immigration policy and consider harsh penalties, 11 to 12 million immigrants among us live in fear of what tomorrow may bring.

With the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, immigration applications became more complicated and backlogs increased. New measures enacted after September 11th caused further hardship for immigrants and their families. Most recently, stepped-up enforcement with immediate deportations cause great hardship to immigrant families when the primary breadwinner is removed.

JFON is a ministry of hospitality that welcomes immigrants by providing affordable, high-quality immigration legal services, engaging in advocacy for immigrants' rights and offering education to communities of faith and the public.

The United Methodist Council of Bishops has issued many statements denouncing such treatment of immigrant families and urging congregations to lift up their voice in advocacy and provide ministry outreach. The UMC Bishops have participated in political demonstrations and marches on the Capitol.

JFON is a grass-roots response seeking a better solution to the broken immigration system and limiting the adverse impacts to individuals and families.

Education

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JFON-Immigration Legal Services

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Homecoming 2018

Fall Kickoff

Direct mail postcard, poster, and website graphic



ARTS ALIVE

CAMP JUNE 20-23

Be a Hunger Hero!
Help Kids' Food Basket combat childhood hunger in Grand Rapids!

For children entering 1st – 6th grade in fall of 2016

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REGISTRATION FORM

Check enclosed – \$45 if postmarked by May 22; \$60 after May 22 (Make out check to FUMC or credit card payment is accepted online.)

Camper's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____
_____ city _____ state _____ zip

Parent email: _____

Primary phone: _____

Grade in school Fall 2016: _____

Mail registration forms with payment to:
First United Methodist Church
ATTN: Audrey Kawel
227 Fulton St E
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

or register online at www.grfumc.org/arts-alive-camp

Fee provides lunch and snacks each day, t-shirt, reusable water bottle, and entrance fee to our Thursday field trip. Additional costs are underwritten by First United Methodist Church.

Camp Schedule:
Monday – Wednesday: 9 am – 3 pm
Thursday field trip: 9 am – 3 pm

REGISTRATION:
Early Bird Rate: \$45 if registered by May 22; \$60 after May 22.

Sign your child up to help fight hunger in Grand Rapids! Campers will learn how Kids' Food Basket is helping to ensure that all children in Grand Rapids have three nutritious meals every day.

For more information or scholarship information contact Camp Registrar, Audrey Kawel at 616.451.2879 or audreyk@grandrapidsfumc.org.





Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

Welcome to our historic congregation in the heart of Grand Rapids — a center of hospitality, worship, spiritual formation, mission, and outreach. Everyone is welcome here!

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am
Taizé Meditative Worship Experience: Wednesday, November 5 at 7:00 pm

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Passionate Worship
 Classical worship with excellence

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Welcome to First Church in the heart of the city — a faith community in classical worship and preaching that celebrates the love of Jesus Christ for all people.

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am
Taizé Meditative Worship Experience: Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm

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Radical Hospitality
 All are welcome

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

People come to First Church from many different places, looking for many different things. What many find is an open and welcoming congregation with a passion for others.

Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am
Taizé Meditative Worship Experience: Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 pm

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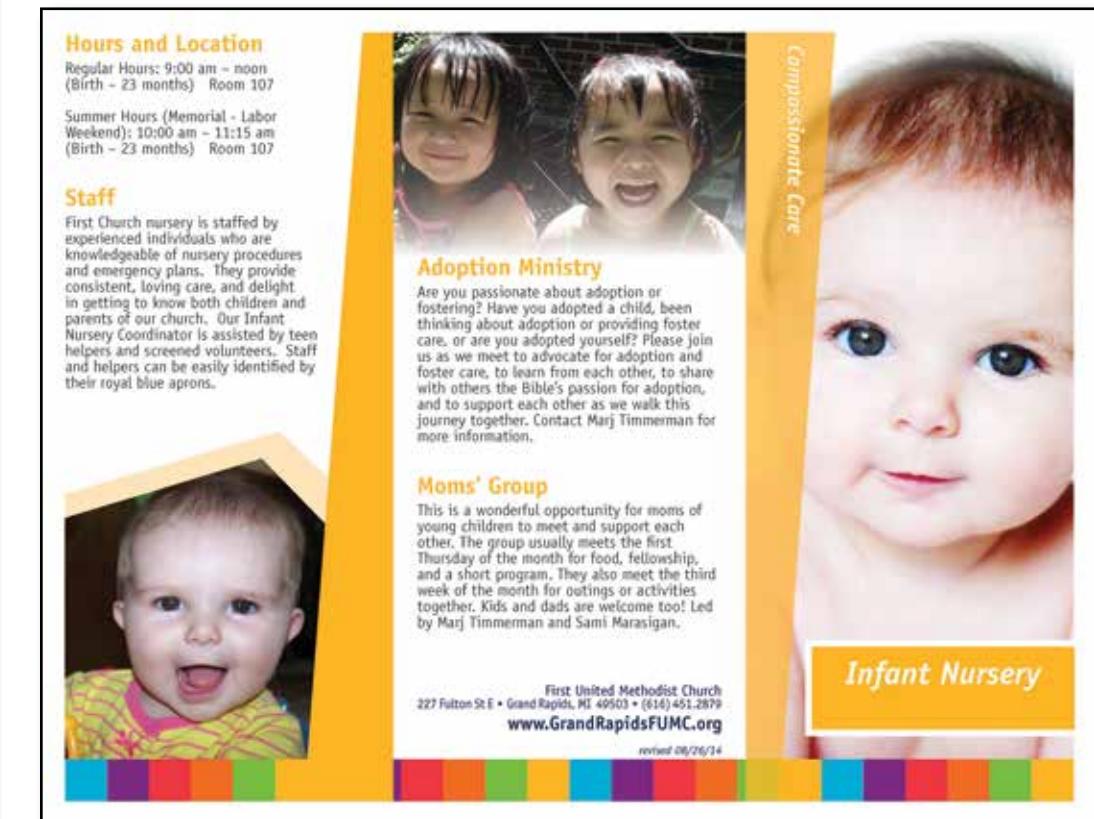
Intentional Faith Development
 Connecting with a faith community for all ages

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Welcome to First Church in the heart of the city. Faith is something that moves, grows, changes, and matures. It requires cultivation. First Church strives to connect you through intentional faith development, to find great faith-nourished in community.

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Hours and Location
 Regular Hours: 9:00 am – noon (Birth – 23 months) Room 107
 Summer Hours (Memorial – Labor Weekend): 10:00 am – 11:15 am (Birth – 23 months) Room 107

Staff
 First Church nursery is staffed by experienced individuals who are knowledgeable of nursery procedures and emergency plans. They provide consistent, loving care, and delight in getting to know both children and parents of our church. Our Infant Nursery Coordinator is assisted by teen helpers and screened volunteers. Staff and helpers can be easily identified by their royal blue aprons.

Adoption Ministry
 Are you passionate about adoption or fostering? Have you adopted a child, been thinking about adoption or providing foster care, or are you adopted yourself? Please join us as we meet to advocate for adoption and foster care, to learn from each other, to share with others the Bible's passion for adoption, and to support each other as we walk this journey together. Contact Marj Timmerman for more information.

Moms' Group
 This is a wonderful opportunity for moms of young children to meet and support each other. The group usually meets the first Thursday of the month for food, fellowship, and a short program. They also meet the third week of the month for outings or activities together. Kids and dads are welcome too! Led by Marj Timmerman and Sami Marasigan.

Infant Nursery

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revised 08/26/14



Welcome
 We are happy to welcome you and your child to the First Church nursery! Our mission is to provide a safe and loving environment for your child while you participate in adult education classes and worship services. Our Director of Children's Ministry, Audrey Kawel, and Parish Nurse, Marj Timmerman, are available to discuss any questions or input you may have regarding the care of your child.

Snacks
 Snacks (usually crackers) are often provided to children who eat solid food. Please let the nursery staff know if you do not want your child to have the snack provided, or if you have a special snack for your child.

Health Policy
 If a child is running a fever or has a rash, we ask that they stay home to rest and to help keep viruses from cycling through the nursery. Thank you!

Nursing
 Rocking chairs and privacy are available in the infant nursery and the Women's Lounge (located NE of the sanctuary). There are also rocking chairs available in the Narthex at the back of the sanctuary.

Child Protection Policy
 The FUMC Child Protection Policy is designed to assure the safety of our children. Part of this policy includes parent sign in/out procedures. It also requires that all volunteers, including parents who work with children, complete a short screening form and return it to the church office. A felony check is part of this screening process. A written copy of the policy is available in the nursery or by request from the church office.

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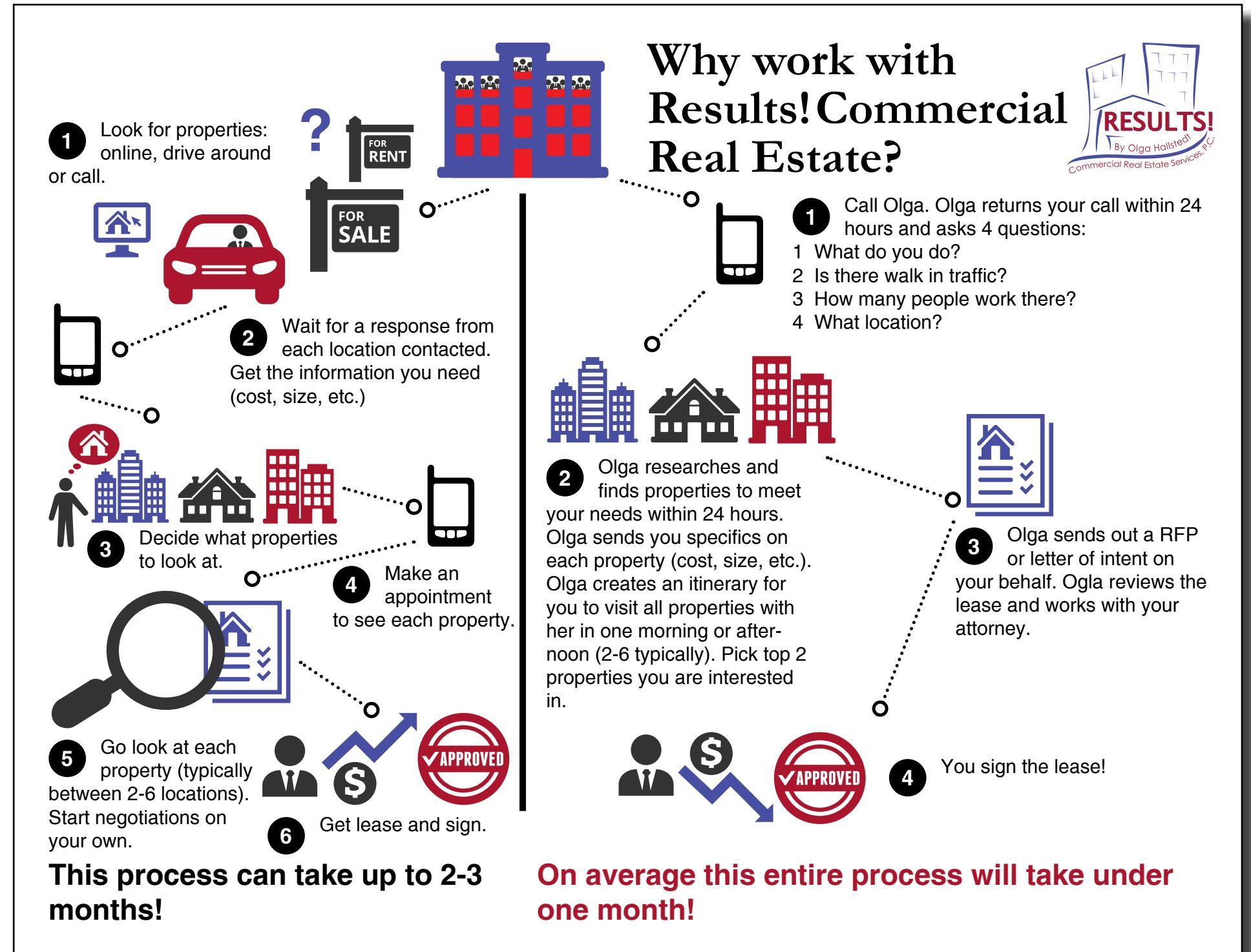
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